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THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE LEGION OF SUPER-HEROES

(Continued from Issue #4)

28. **WILDFIRE** (Drake Burroughs)
First appearance: *Superboy* #195
Origin: *Superboy* #195; amended in *Legion of Super-Heroes* (second series) #283
Planet of origin: Earth
Membership: *Superboy* #202 to present

Synopsis: The son of parents who died while in government service, Drake Burroughs obtained a scholarship to study astro-engineering at Metropolis Multiversity. He was doing lab work for one of his classes on a new rocket propulsion system the Multiversity was helping to develop, when a safety valve snapped. The rocket discharged a blast of lethal anti-matter energy at Drake, which completely changed his body to pulsating anti-matter. He still lived, and in order to save him, one of his instructors, Professor Vultan, assisted by his daughter Zera, contained the essence that was now Drake Burroughs in a unique ERG (for Energy Release Generator)-suit.

Drake soon gained complete mastery over his new condition, and found that with the suit, which gave him human form, he was able to duplicate many of the powers of various Legionnaires. When he tried to join the Legion of Super-Heroes as ERG-1, however, he was rejected because he refused to demonstrate the one unique super-power that set him apart.

Not long afterward, Colossal Boy, Phantom Girl, and Chemical King were sent to the agricultural planet Manna-5 to deal with a huge machine that was devouring the crops. When Colossal Boy's life was endangered by the machine, ERG-1, who had stowed away aboard their ship, appeared and used his special power to expend his entire anti-matter self in a tremendous blast which destroyed the machine. The three Legionnaires, believing him dead, took his suit back to Earth to display in the Legion memorial room.

Drake was still alive, however, in an intangible, invisible form, and he went back to Earth to reclaim his suit. In the process he saved the Legion from the android which called itself the Molecular Master, which had been programmed to steal the Miracle Machine. Upon learning of his continued existence, the Legion immediately voted him full membership, whereupon he renamed himself Wildfire.

Drake had never been told that the ERG-suit was originally built by Professor Vultan in order to survive a wasting disease he had contracted. The professor died while Drake was away, and when he returned to Zera, she tried to kill him in revenge, but changed her mind at the last minute. This ended his contact with the people who had given him a second life.

Wildfire served one term as Legion leader (*Superboy* #225–*Superboy and the Legion of Super-Heroes* #247). A gregarious sort before his accident, he has maintained the same basic personality as Wildfire, but has tempered it with a streak of cynicism and a small measure of self-pity. The Legion is now his entire life and gives him the peer companionship he desperately needs.

Drake's girlfriend in college was Kerri Wong, who does not know of his present career and believes him dead. He has since attempted a relationship with Dawnstar, whom he befriended and sponsored for Legion membership.

Wildfire has several spare containment suits on hand in Legion Headquarters for use in case the one he is currently wearing is damaged in battle. Each has some variance in the general design.

29. **TYROC** (Troy Stewart)
First appearance: *Superboy* #216
Origin: *Legion of Super-Heroes* (second series) #265
Planet of origin: Earth (Marzal Island)
Membership: *Superboy* #218 to *Legion of Super-Heroes* (second series) #265

Synopsis: In the days of Earth's notorious slave trade, a proud African chieftain, St'Balla, was captured and put in chains aboard a great sailing vessel. He vowed to be free and faked his own death so that his white captors would unshackle him. Once free, he led his fellow blacks in rebellion, overpowering the ship's captain and crew. The ship finally landed on a lush tropical island, which St'Balla and his people

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called Marzal, a name that means "new world." The people thrived and prospered there, and eventually discovered that their island only exists on Earth for three decades every three hundred years before it vanishes into another dimension (like the Scottish town "Brigadoon" of musical fame).

Troy Stewart, the 30th century descendant of St'Balla and N'Hura, was a mutant, possessing the power to alter physical reality with his sonic screams. As such, he took the name Tyroc, which means "speak of the devil," and became his people's superhero. The Legionnaires came to Marzal on a mission and were accused of prejudice, and of ignoring Tyroc's people in prior times of need. They convinced Tyroc otherwise, and offered him Legion membership, which he accepted.

Some time later, Marzal began to vanish into its alternate dimension before the scheduled time, its departure unwittingly having been hastened by Tyroc every time he used his power. Choosing to accompany his people, Tyroc left the Legion forever.

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30. **DAWNSTAR** (her real name)

First appearance: *Superboy* #226

Origin: *Superboy and the Legion of Super-Heroes* #240

Planet of origin: Starhaven (an Earth colony)

Membership: *Superboy* #226 to present

Synopsis: Dawnstar was born the daughter of Mist-Rider and Moonwalker on the planet Starhaven, a world colonized by descendants of American Indians. Her people are renowned for their navigation and piloting prowess, and Dawnstar, a mutant, was the greatest of them all. The product of centuries of interbreeding, she can hunt and track anything anywhere, even across a galaxy. Not even space warps interfere with her power, although her skills on a planet are somewhat less than in space. Dawnstar has large natural wings which allow her to fly within a planet's atmosphere. She can also fly unaided through space, and is able to survive in space without special equipment for long periods of time.

By her early teens, Dawnstar was being hired out to clients as a tracker, and R. J. Brande, learning of her, suggested that she put her power to use in the Legion of Super-Heroes. After training at the Legion Academy, she was sponsored for full membership by Wildfire, who had just become leader, and joined the group after helping on a mission.

Despite her necessarily platonic romantic involvement with Wildfire (who has no physical body), Dawnstar is probably the most aloof Legion member.

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31. **BLOK** (his real name)

First appearance: *Superboy and the Legion of Super-Heroes* #253

Origin: *Legion of Super-Heroes* (second series) #272

Planet of origin: Dryad

Membership: *Legion of Super-Heroes* (second series) #272 to present

Synopsis: Dryad was a world on the outer fringe of the galaxy, originally inhabited by a species of sentient rock creatures. Humans eventually settled there, and the two life-forms lived together.

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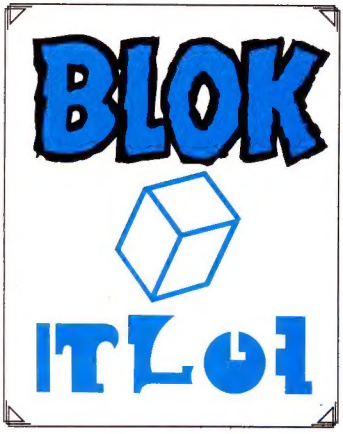

Blok was a child when the Legion of Super-Heroes came to Dryad to evacuate its population just before the planet exploded. Misunderstanding their intent, Blok and several of the human children among the inhabitants blamed the heroes for the loss of their world. Their rage was exploited by the villain calling himself the Dark Man, who gave the human children super-powers, and turned them against the Legion as the Legion of Super-Assassins. They were eventually defeated and imprisoned, and Blok alone later repented and assisted the Legion in defeating the Dark Man. Shortly thereafter, he tried out for Legion membership and succeeded.

As a rock creature, Blok possesses super-strength and is impervious to almost all forms of physical punishment. His body can also deflect the fire of radiation weapons. He and the White Witch have become quite friendly since she joined the team.

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32. **INVISIBLE KID II** (Jacques Foccart)

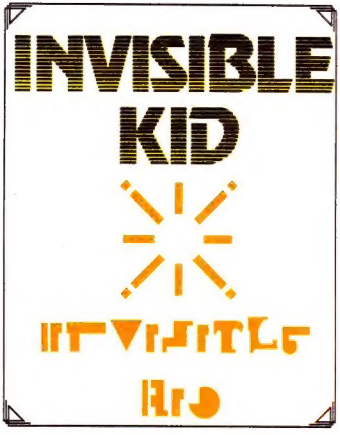
First appearance: *Legion of Super-Heroes Annual* #1

Origin: *Legion of Super-Heroes Annual* #1

Planet of origin: Earth

Membership: *Legion of Super-Heroes Annual* #1 to present

Synopsis: Jacques Foccart is a young black Frenchman whose younger sister Danielle suffered an extremely rare energy-overload on her nervous system. Brainiac 5 read of her case and took her into Legion Headquarters to cure her. However, in this attempt he used elements of the circuitry of his earlier evil creation, Computo, which came back to life and possessed Danielle, then took control of Legion Headquarters and threatened to kill the team.



With the assistance of Brainiac 5, Jacques obtained and drank Lyle Norg's serum, which turned him invisible, then took a hypo disc and plunged it into his sister, placing her and Computo in stasis. As a reward for his bravery, he was granted full membership in the Legion of Super-Heroes and became the new Invisible Kid. Brainiac 5 has since completely cured Danielle, and even turned Computo into the Legion's majordomo.

Jacques initially felt very uncomfortable filling Lyle's shoes. When he supposedly met the latter in his invisible realm and later saw him return, alive, he offered him his old position. However, this Lyle Norg was a fake, planted in the group by the master of the dimension Jacques had visited. No longer apologetic about replacing Lyle, Jacques had Wildfire place an eternal flame on his namesake's grave on Shanghalla.

Jacques's family, Danielle and her older sister Francine, live in Abidjan, capital of the French republic called Ivory Coast, in Africa.

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Letterer: **Gaspar Saladino**

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JULY
NO. 370
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APPROVED BY THE COMICS CODE AUTHORITY
LEGIONNAIRES, FOR NUMEROUS ACTS OF ANTI-CRIME, I SENTENCE YOU TO THE DEVIL'S ISLAND OF SPACE!
MOLDIRU VALLEKEN
MON-EL
SATURN GIRL
SUPERBOY
AND WE'RE ALL HELPLESS! EVEN OUR STRONGEST MEMBERS, SUPERBOY AND MON-EL, CAN'T BREAK LOOSE FROM THESE MAGICAL BONDS!
Featuring THE DEVIL'S JURY!

STORY

"The Devil's Jury" (25 pages)
Part 2: **"The Condemned Crusaders"**

Credits

Editor, plotter: **Mort Weisinger**
Plotter, scripter, penciler: **Jim Shooter** (layouts only)
Penciler: **Curt Swan**
Inker: **Jack Abel**
Letterers: **Joe Letterese** (splash page only) and **Ben Oda**

Feature Characters

Duo Damsel, Invisible Kid, Superboy, Ultra Boy, Mon-El, Dream Girl, Princess Projectra, and **Shadow Lass**

Supporting Character

White Witch (next chronological appearance in flashback in *Tales of the Legion of Super-Heroes* #316)

Villains

Mordru (appears next in the Legion of Super-Heroes story in *Superboy* #173) and **his army** (first and only appearance to date)

Dorzak, Koldan, Golgro, and **Thrun** (first and only appearance of all to date; criminals and members of the Devil's Jury)

Guest Appearances

Jonathan and **Martha Kent** and **Lana Lang** (also appears as **Insect Queen**; all appear next in *Superboy* #150)

Pete Ross (last seen in *Superboy* #135; his hair miscolored brown in some panels; appears next in *Superboy* #160)

Chief Parker (appears next in *Superboy* #160)

Mrs. Leah Parker (no further appearances to date)

Other Characters

Wraithor (first appearance; Mordru's chief lackey; dies in this story)

The citizens of 20th century Smallville (Mr. Wells named in this story; appear next in *Superboy* #150)

Comments

The flashback on page 25, panels 2 and 3 of this story takes place in between page 3, panel 2 and page 10, panel 1 of the story in the previous issue.

Bouncing Boy, Brainiac 5, Chameleon Boy, Colossal Boy, Cosmic Boy, Element Lad, Karate Kid, Light Lass, Lightning Lad, Matter-Eater Lad, Phantom Girl, Saturn Girl, Shrinking Violet, Star Boy, Sun Boy, and Supergirl do not appear in this story.

Synopsis

Mordru easily crushes the four Legionnaires with his magic, but they escape by burrowing underground.

Rushing back to the Kent home, Superboy swiftly constructs a hypnosis machine to erase their and the Kents' memories for an hour, so that Mordru cannot trace their thoughts. As they resume their earlier civilian guises, Mordru searches the minds of the Smallville populace in vain, but his probing causes the hypnosis to continue past its one-hour limit.

The villain then summons his armies to ferret out the Legionnaires, and causes Smallville to rise into space in order to limit their search. Pete Ross wonders why Superboy doesn't stop the armies and realizes that the Boy of Steel has forgotten who he is. He summons Lana Lang to a deserted house and confides the secret that Superboy is Clark Kent. With Lana as Insect Queen, they kidnap Clark and restore his memory. Superboy then does the same for his Legion

comrades, and they make plans to stop Mordru and his army.

The next day, the Legionnaires show themselves in battle against the invaders, but are easily defeated and taken to Mordru's cave headquarters outside town. Actually, Pete is disguised as Superboy, and Duo Damsel has portrayed both herself and Shadow Lass. The real Superboy, Shadow Lass, and Insect Queen are safe, and as the captive heroes are brought before Mordru, their allies come to rescue them.

Stunned, Mordru is initially overwhelmed but easily recovers. After defeating the heroes again, he holds a mock trial before a jury of 30th century criminals with his lackey, Wraithor, as prosecutor. Pete is defense attorney, and he attempts to shock the criminals into siding with him, but fails. Then Mordru, at Wraithor's suggestion, sentences all six youths to slow death inside a lead-lined, Kryptonite-coated vault.

The heroes soon find that the vault is a fake, and after they break out, Wraithor appears and tells them that Pete's speech broke Mordru's spell over him. As he helps them to freedom, Mordru disintegrates him, and imprisons the heroes in a force-field, then creates a fireball and lifts it over his head, intending to hurl it down on them. This causes the cavern walls to crumble and collapse about him, sealing him underground, seemingly forever.

The Legionnaires return to Smallville, and Superboy uses his hypnosis ray to erase Lana's knowledge of his secret identity, but Mon-El prevents him from doing the same to Pete, instead causing him to forget that Pete knows his secret, because Pete is destined someday to use that information to save Superman's life.

When the four Legionnaires return to Legion Headquarters, Invisible Kid explains that Mordru's attempt to destroy them failed, because Dream Girl foresaw his attack and summoned her sister, the White Witch, to protect them with her magic, while Princess Projectra cast an illusion to make him think that he had succeeded.

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SORRY TO QUIT THE LEGION, OLD BUDDIES, BUT THAT'S THE WAY THE KRYPTONITE CRUMBLES!
I'VE GOT TO JOIN A NEW SUPER-TEAM!
Featuring "WHEN SUPERBOY WALKED OUT ON THE LEGION!"

Cover Credits

Artist: **Neal Adams**
Letterer: **Gaspar Saladino**

STORY

"The Colossal Failure" (11 pages)

Credits

Editor, plotter: **Mort Weisinger**
Plotter, scripter, penciler: **Jim Shooter** (layouts only)
Penciler: **Curt Swan**
Inker: **Jack Abel**
Letterer: **Ben Oda**

Feature Characters

Saturn Girl, Colossal Boy, Brainiac 5, Shrinking Violet, Superboy, Sun Boy, Bouncing Boy, and **Ultra Boy**

Chemical King (Condo Arlik; first appearance; a student at the Legion Academy)

Timber Wolf (last seen, as Lone Wolf, in issue #327; behind the scenes only, as a student at the Legion Academy)

Supporting Characters

Wynn and **Marte Allon** (both last seen, behind the scenes, in issue #356)

Villains

Gorko and **Pollor** (first appearance of both; henchmen of Tarik the Mute; Pollor also disguised as Kirl Jenkins of Universe TV in this story)

A gang of Mohadian aqua-crooks (first and only appearance to date)

Other Characters

An unnamed instructor at the Legion Academy (first and only appearance to date)

Students at the Legion Academy (first appearance; some appear next in *Superboy and the Legion of Super-Heroes* #240)

Comments

Chameleon Boy, Cosmic Boy, Dream Girl, Duo Damsel, Element Lad, Invisible Kid, Karate Kid, Light Lass, Lightning Lad, Matter-Eater Lad, Mon-El, Phantom Girl, Princess Projectra, Shadow Lass, Star Boy, and Supergirl do not appear in this story.

Ultra Boy is revealed as the new Legion leader, with Mon-El as his deputy, in this story.

The story continues in the next issue.

Synopsis

Colossal Boy is spending a quiet evening at home with his parents when two men claiming to represent Universe TV call on the Allons to interview them as part of a documentary on the Legion. When the men set up their equipment, however, it gives off rays that turn Mr. and Mrs. Allon to glass. They then explain that their criminal superiors have assigned them to learn the exact details of the Legion training and testing program. Since such knowledge is classified and known only to members of the selection board, the men give Gim two weeks to uncover the information, and teleport away with his parents as hostages.

Afraid to tell his comrades of his problem, Gim deliberately fails on a mission and submits to retraining in order to gain the needed information. Bouncing Boy, temporarily acting as instructor at the Legion Academy, suspects something wrong and, hoping to find clues to Gim's problem in the Allons' apartment, discovers a top-secret manual and illegal notes on the Legion training procedures.

Colossal Boy is charged with treason and spying and, still fearful for his parents' safety, he offers no defense at his trial. Ultra Boy, as the new Legion leader, then expells him from the Legion, and crushed, he leaves in disgrace.

REPRINTED STORY

"When Superboy Walked Out on the Legion"
(from *Superboy* #101)

Comment

This is a reprint of a story originally entitled "The Valhalla of Super-Companions." The title has been changed and two new panels have been added featuring Duo Damsel, Sun Boy, Ultra Boy, and Light Lass. Light Lass's appearance is chronologically inaccurate, as she was not a Legion member at the time this story took place.

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Cover Credits

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Letterer: **Gaspar Saladino**

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HA, HA! EVEN INVULNERABLE SUPERBOY CAN BE SHATTERED ONCE HE'S TURNED TO GLASS! HOW...WHICH LEGIONNAIRE WILL BE NEXT?
SUPERBOY'S CRACK-UP!

STORY

"School for Super-Villains" (23 pages)
Part 2: **"Robbing and 'Recking and Rotten Tricks"**

Credits

Editor, plotter: **Mort Weisinger**
Plotter, scripter, penciler: **Jim Shooter** (layouts only)
Penciler: **Curt Swan**
Inker: **Jack Abel**
Letterer: **Milton Snapinn**

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Feature Characters

Cosmic Boy and **Shrinking Violet** (next chronological appearance of both in flashback in the Legion of Super-Heroes story in *Action Comics* #389)

Saturn Girl, Duo Damsel, Phantom Girl, Chameleon Boy, Colossal Boy, Star Boy, Brainiac 5, Superboy, Sun Boy, Bouncing Boy, and **Ultra Boy**

Chemical King (joins the Legion of Super-Heroes in this story; next chronological appearance in flashback in the Legion of Super-Heroes story in *Action Comics* #389)

Timber Wolf (joins the Legion of Super-Heroes in this story)

Supporting Characters

Wynn and **Marte Allon** (both appear next in the Legion of Super-Heroes story in *Super-Star Holiday Special 1980*)

Villains

Tarik the Mute (first and only appearance to date; founder of the Legion of Super-Villains), his unnamed henchman (first appearance; dies in this story), and his android (first appearance; appears next in *Best of DC* (Digest) #24)

Lightning Lord (Mekt Ranzz; not to be confused with the Lightning Lord of the Adult Legion of Super-Villains introduced in *Superman* #147; first appearance; last chronological appearance in flashback in *Secrets of the Legion of Super-Heroes* #1; appears next in the Legion of Super-Heroes story in *Superboy* #172)

Nemesis Kid (last seen in issue #347; appears next in *Superboy* #208)

Radiation Roy (last seen in issue #320; appears next in *Superboy* #208)

Ronn Kar (last seen in issue #314; appears next in *Legion of Super-Heroes* (third series) #1)

Spider Girl (last seen in issue #323; appears next in *Superboy* #208)

Gorko and **Pollor** (no further appearances to date)

Students at the Legion of Super-Villains Academy (first and only appearance of all to date)

Other Characters

Elza Perkins (first and only appearance to date; Mr. and Mrs. Allon's neighbor)

Science Police officers (last seen in issue #366)

Customers at the Mars Spaceport's Tower Restaurant (first and only appearance of all to date)

The citizens of 30th century Metropolis (last seen in issue #367; appear next in issue #374)

Comment

Dream Girl, Element Lad, Invisible Kid, Karate Kid, Light Lass, Lightning Lad, Matter-Eater Lad, Mon-El, Princess Projectra, Shadow Lass, and Supergirl do not appear in this story.

Synopsis

The two crooks who had forced Colossal Boy to betray his comrades meet him with a new proposition, even as Bouncing Boy and Ultra Boy visit the Allon apartment in hope of questioning Gim's parents and discover that the Allons had mysteriously vanished a week earlier.

Back at Legion Headquarters, Brainiac 5 examines Mrs. Allon's life-jewel, a gem linked with its owner's life-force. Shrinking Violet reduces to atomic size and travels through the infra-energy beam connecting the jewel to Mrs. Allon, and is thus transported to a strange distant planet. There she finds an exact duplicate of the Legion training center, which is being used to instruct future members of a Legion of Super-Villains. Colossal Boy, who remembers much of the data he stole, is present as a teacher. Tarik the Mute, a man who turned criminal when a police blaster accidentally hit his throat, ruining his voice, and who now communicates by beaming his thoughts to a telepathic android which speaks for him, is the organizer of the evil Legion counterpart.

Violet reports to the Legionnaires, who now realize that Colossal Boy had betrayed them only because the criminals are holding his parents. They decide to infiltrate the villains' school to help him, and Superboy, Chameleon Boy, and two Legion Academy trainees, Chemical King and Timber Wolf, are chosen for the job. They disguise themselves as students who failed Legion training and create a staged disturbance in order to get themselves noticed. A man representing Tarik sees them, offers them sanctuary, and takes them to the Super-Villain school.

Touring the complex, the four disguised heroes note familiar faces belonging to such Legion traitors and rejectees as Nemesis Kid, Spider Girl, Radiation Roy, and Lightning Lad's brother Mekt, now the villainous Lightning Lord. Colossal Boy recognizes the four before they have a chance to confer with him, however, and exposes their true identities. In the battle that follows, the heroes are captured and condemned to be turned into glass and shattered.

The next morning, the four are brought to the death-room to be executed before the entire student body. When Superboy is seemingly turned to glass and smashed, Colossal Boy goes berserk. In the ensuing melee, the surviving heroes summon the other Legionnaires and together they break up the villain school. Superboy knocks out Tarik when the villain attempts to destroy Mr. and Mrs. Allon in revenge. The Boy of Steel had actually exchanged identities with Chameleon Boy, who had used his power to become glass, thus making it seem that Superboy had been destroyed..

The Allons are returned to normal, Colossal Boy is restored to full Legion membership, and Chemical King and Timber Wolf earn their Legion Academy diplomas and join the team.

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YOU'RE JUST NOT IN OUR CLASS! WE CAN OUTFIGHT ALL OF YOU... LIKE THIS!
YOU WANT US TO JOIN YOUR CRUMMY LEGION? THAT'S A JOKE!
CAN YOU SPOT THE CLEVER COMIC CLUES? WHO ARE... The TORNADO TWINS!

STORY
"The Tornado Twins" (23 pages)
Part 2: **"The Fun-Loving Aliens — Super-Heroes"**

Credits
Editor, plotter: **Mort Weisinger**
Plotter, scripter, penciler: **Jim Shooter** (layouts only)
Penciler, inker: **Win Mortimer**
Letterer: **Ben Oda**

Feature Characters
Phantom Girl, Brainiac 5, Superboy, Sun Boy, Element Lad, Princess Projectra, and **Karate Kid**

Supporting Characters
The Tornado Twins (Don and Dawn Allen; first appearance; descendants of Barry (Flash) Allen; see Comment below; both appear next in *Superboy* #200)

Villains
Unnamed thieves (first and only appearance to date)

Other Characters
Marya (last name not revealed; first and only appearance to date; Element Lad's girlfriend)

A Science Police officer

An unnamed scientist (first and only appearance to date; appears in flashback only)

An unnamed mine official, V.I.P.s, a school board inspector, an official at the chemical plant and workers, and **mine robots** (first and only appearance of all to date)

Students and teachers at the Metro-Heights Educational Center (first and only appearance to date)

Cameo Appearances
Flash (as a statue)

A weather forecaster (on splash page)

Comments
Given the events of *The Flash* #350, in which Barry and Iris Allen relocated to the middle of the 30th century, it is possible that Don and Dawn Allen are the Flash's children, not merely his descendants.

Cosmic Boy, Shrinking Violet, and Chemical King appear in flashback in the Legion of Super-Heroes story in *Action Comics* #389 during this story.

Bouncing Boy, Chameleon Boy, Chemical King, Colossal Boy, Cosmic Boy, Dream Girl, Duo Damsel, Invisible Kid, Light Lass, Lightning Lad, Matter-Eater Lad, Mon-El, Saturn Girl, Shadow Lass, Shrinking Violet, Star Boy, Supergirl, Timber Wolf, and Ultra Boy do not appear in this story.

Synopsis
An alarm summons the Legionnaires to the United Planets Vehicle Research Center, where crooks are stealing the vehicles stored there. When the superheroes arrive, they find the crooks already bound and captured by two youths who introduce themselves as Don and Dawn Allen. Karate Kid tries to question them to no avail, and the two depart.

Later, the Legion answers an emergency summons at the Alpha Iron Mine, where people are trapped underground in a cave-in caused by malfunctioning robot workers. During their rescue attempt, several Legionnaires are overcome by the robots, and a second cave-in cuts Superboy off from his comrades. Because a Green Kryptonite meteor thwarts his attempt to dig them free, he rushes to the surface to get help. Don and Dawn Allen suddenly appear and use their abilities to vibrate through the fallen earth. Dawn causes the robots to smash against the cave wall with a wave of her hand.

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The rescue gets full coverage by the press. The Legionnaires, suspicious, do some investigating, but fail to uncover any incriminating information on the Allens. When Don and Dawn reappear to save the day at a third emergency, a fire at a chemical plant, the Legion members watch them in action, then offer them membership, which the Allens refuse. An irritated Karate Kid starts a fight with Don Allen in which the others are quickly involved, but they are defeated by Don and Dawn.

When next an alarm comes in, the Legionnaires' morale is so low that they leave it unanswered, assuming that Don and Dawn will take care of it. After some moments, however, they investigate and fly to Central Square where they find a gigantic alien spaceship. Smashing it open, they find it to be a dummy, hiding a huge statue of the Flash. Don and Dawn appear, wearing replicas of the Kid Flash costume, and explain that they are direct descendants of Barry Allen. Because the day has been designated Flash Day by the United Planets, Don and Dawn publicized the event by having Barry Allen's super-speed power temporarily recreated in themselves. All is explained, and all is forgiven on both sides.

Adventure Comics #374
November 1968

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THESE ARE YOUR TARGETS, LEGIONNAIRES!
YOU WILL KILL THEM OR WE WILL KILL THE REST OF THE LEGION!
WE CAN'T, ULTRA BOY! WE'VE TAKEN AN OATH NOT TO KILL!
NO MUST DO IT, SUPERGIRL... TO SAVE OUR BUDDIES!
"MISSION DIABOLICAL!"

Cover Credits
Artist: **Curt Swan** (penciler) and **Mike Esposito** (inker)
Letterer: **Gaspar Saladino**

STORY
"Mission: Diabolical" (23 pages)
Part 2: **"Mission: Infiltrate Taurus"**

Credits
Editor, plotter: **Mort Weisinger**
Plotter, scripter, penciler: **Jim Shooter** (layouts only)
Penciler, inker: **Win Mortimer**
Letterer: **Milton Snapinn**

Feature Characters
Cosmic Boy and **Shrinking Violet** (last chronological appearance of both in flashback in the Legion of Super-Heroes story in *Action Comics* #389)

Saturn Girl, Lightning Lad, Duo Damsel, Phantom Girl, Chameleon Boy, Invisible Kid, Colossal Boy, Star Boy, Supergirl, Brainiac 5, Superboy, Sun Boy, Bouncing Boy, Ultra Boy, Mon-El, Matter-Eater Lad, Element Lad, Light Lass, Dream Girl, Princess Projectra, Karate Kid, and **Shadow Lass**

Chemical King (last chronological appearance in flashback in the Legion of Super-Heroes story in *Action Comics* #389; behind the scenes only)

Timber Wolf (behind the scenes only)

Supporting Characters
Polar Boy, Fire Lad, Chlorophyll Kid, Stone Boy, and **Color Kid** (all last seen in issue #351; all appear next in *Superboy* #200)

Night Girl (last seen in issue #351; teamed with the above five heroes as the **Legion of Substitute Heroes**; appears next in the Legion of Super-Heroes story in *Action Comics* #386)

R. J. Brande (last seen in issue #359; behind the scenes only; appears next in *Superboy* #221)

Leland McCauley III (first appearance; a billionaire financier; status as "III" revealed in his next appearance in issue #377)

Villains
Mystelor, Quanto, Rogarth, Shagrek, and **several unnamed others** (first and only appearance of all to date)

Black Mace (last chronological appearance in flashback in *Legion of Super-Heroes* (third series) #31; teamed with the above villains as the **Taurus Gang**; appears next in *Superboy* #213)

Chief Zoltorus of the Science Police (first and only appearance to date; revealed as the head of the Taurus Gang in this story)

The unnamed head and agents of the Scorpius Gang (first and only appearance of all to date; one disguised as a film director in this story)

Other Characters

Leland McCauley's secretary and Chief Zoltorus's secretary (first and only appearance of both to date)

A Science Police officer (Science Police officers appear next in issue #377)

Patrons of an illegal gambling club (first and only appearance to date)

The citizens of 30th century Metropolis (last seen in issue #372; appear next in issue #377)

Comment

The Legion of Substitute Heroes was last seen in issue #351 and appears next in *Superboy* #200.

Synopsis

Various teams of Legionnaires are overpowered and taken captive at different locations, leaving only five members, Ultra Boy, Element Lad, Dream Girl, Supergirl, and Matter-Eater Lad, at headquarters. A mysterious masked figure suddenly appears on their communicator and tells the five heroes that the notorious space gang, Scorpius, holds their comrades hostage. Teleporting them to a hidden headquarters, he informs them that they must defeat a group of criminals who are part of a rival organization called Taurus. These include Rogarth, who possesses super-strength, Black Mace, who wields the weapon for which he is named, Mystelor, a woman with telepathic and telekinetic powers, Shagrek, an alien able to disintegrate anything with beams from his antennae, and Quantro, a member of a self-professed "superior" race able to change into a beam of light.

Forced to obey, the Legionnaires disguise themselves and assist a Scorpius squad in battle with the Taurus gang at the Brande Industrial Complex in Metropolis. When the Substitute Heroes and the Science Police arrive, the Legionnaires and the gang members flee. Police Chief Zoltorus ignores the Taurus gang to concentrate on the Scorpius gang, and the Substitutes recognize the departing Legionnaires. Later, Zoltorus visits Leland McCauley, the second richest man in the universe, to accuse him of being the brains behind Scorpius, and of attacking R.J. Brande out of jealousy.

Meanwhile, Ultra Boy and his fellow Legionnaires try to discover the identity of Taurus' leader. Dream Girl predicts where the Taurus gang will next strike, and Ultra Boy makes plans to impersonate Black Mace and to switch places with him. The heroes follow Dream Girl's prediction and show up in a casino on the asteroid, Ceres, but in the ensuing struggle, Ultra Boy is knocked out. Dream Girl decides to follow through with his scheme and, after rendering Mystelor unconcious, takes her place within the Taurus gang. Once inside their ship, Dream Girl, as Mystelor, persuades the gang to meet their leader to demand more pay for their services.

Secretly tracked by the Legionnaires, the Taurus gang meets with their boss, and to the heroes' astonishment, he is none other than R. J. Brande, their benefactor. After capturing him in the battle that follows, however, they unmask him as a disguised Chief Zoltorus, who had kidnapped Brande and used his money to build a crime empire.

When Quantro learns of the fake Mystelor, he vows to her that he will try to reform his fellow criminals. The heroes are then transported back to Scorpius headquarters, where they are reunited with their captive comrades. When Scorpius is about to kill them all rather than let them go free, however, the Substitute Legion arrives to save them. Scorpius is captured, and the two Legions compare notes on the case.

Adventure Comics #375
December 1968

Cover Credits

Artist: Neal Adams
Letterer: Gaspar Saladino

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I'VE DEFEATED YOU, LEGIONNAIRES! YOU KNOW THE PENALTY! RIP OFF YOUR EMBLEMS!
YES, BOUNCING BOY! YOU'VE PROVED YOU'RE THE MIGHTIEST OF US ALL!
FEATURING: KING OF THE LEGION!

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STORY

"The King of the Legion" (23 pages)
Part 2: **"Hero Against Hero"**

Credits

Editor, plotter: **Mort Weisinger**
Plotter, scripter, penciler: **Jim Shooter** (layouts only)
Penciler, inker: **Win Mortimer**
Letterers: **Joe Letterese** (splash page only) and **unknown**

Feature Characters

Cosmic Boy, Saturn Girl, Lightning Lad, Duo Damsel, Phantom Girl, Chameleon Boy, Invisible Kid, Colossal Boy, Star Boy, Supergirl, Brainiac 5, Shrinking Violet, Superboy, Sun Boy, Bouncing Boy, Ultra Boy, Mon-El, Matter-Eater Lad, Element Lad, Light Lass, Princess Projectra, Karate Kid, Shadow Lass, Chemical King, and **Timber Wolf**

Feature Characters

Proty II (last seen in issue #364)

Celebrand, Dartalg, Elvo, Immorto, Ornitho, Psyche, and **Quantum Queen** (first appearance of all; teamed as the **Wanderers**; all appear next in *Superboy* #200)

Chief Ianos of the Science Police (first and only appearance to date)

Other Characters

King Artros (first appearance; behind the scenes and as a voice only; ruler of planet Nadir)

An inhabitant of planet Tolk (first and only appearance to date)

Comments

Dream Girl does not appear in this story.
The story continues in the next issue.

Synopsis

On the barren Asteroid 108, two heroic teams, the Legion of Super-Heroes and the Wanderers, meet in peace and vow eternal friendship. The Wanderers, who operate in a remote section of the universe, include Celebrand, leader of the group, Psyche, mistress of emotions, Elvo, the swordsman, Immorto, who has a force within him that allows him to live again after being "killed", Quantum Queen, who can become any type of quantum radiation, Ornitho, who can take the form of any bird, and Dartalg, who wields an array of special darts. Departing, the wandering heroes prepare to return home, but accidentally fly their ship through a glowing space cloud, whose radiations temporarily turn them evil.

Later, at Legion Headquarters, a gigantic gauntlet abruptly materializes and engraves a message on a supposedly indestructible armor plate, challenging the mightiest Legionnaire to combat. As the Legionnaires debate as to which of them should respond to this summons, word comes from the new Science Police commander, Chief Ianos, about the Wanderers. He informs them that the former crusaders have stolen the seven stones of Alactos. The Legionnaires decide to make hunting the Wanderers a contest to find the mightiest Legionnaire. In competition are Brainiac 5, Timber Wolf, Chemical King, Karate Kid, Chameleon Boy, Sun Boy, Superboy, Mon-El, Element Lad, Saturn Girl, Ultra Boy, and Bouncing Boy.

Splitting into teams to capture each of the Wanderers, Mon-El, Element Lad, and Bouncing Boy battle Dartalg, Chameleon Boy, Chemical King, and Saturn Girl meet Orintho, Karate Kid, Ultra Boy, and Sun Boy fight Quantum Queen, and Timber Wolf, Brainiac 5, and Superboy encounter Immorto. Bouncing Boy, Chameleon Boy, Karate Kid, and Superboy emerge victorious in these preliminaries, and they again divide into teams to fight the next two Wanderers. Superboy bests Karate Kid against Elvo, and Bouncing Boy apparently defeats Chameleon Boy against Psyche.

In the final contest, Superboy and Bouncing Boy face Celebrand, who possesses the stolen seven stones, which enable him to see into time and through dimensions, and reveal the approaching heroes. He purposely surrenders to Bouncing Boy, who is thus declared the winner of the contest.

During a ceremony in which his comrades acknowledge Bouncing Boy victor, a ray teleports him away. Just then, the real Bouncing Boy arrives, leaving the Legionnaires wondering who the impostor was.

Adventure Comics #376
January 1969

Cover Credits

Artist: **Neal Adams**
Letterer: **Gaspar Saladino**

STORY

"The Execution of Chameleon Boy" (23 pages)
Part 2: **"Cupid Clips Cham"**

Credits

Editor, plotter: **Mort Weisinger**
Plotter, scripter, penciler: **Jim Shooter** (layouts only)
Penciler, inker: **Win Mortimer**
Letterer: **Gaspar Saladino**

Feature Characters

Cosmic Boy, Saturn Girl, Duo Damsel, Chameleon Boy, Star Boy, Supergirl, Brainiac 5, Superboy, Bouncing Boy, Ultra Boy, Element Lad, and **Shadow Lass**

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LOOK! THE MYSTIC STONE SHOWS CHAMELEON BOY IS DOOMED!... AND EVEN I CAN'T SAVE HIM!
WHO CAN PREVENT THE EXECUTION OF CHAMELEON BOY!

Supporting Character

Proty II (appears next in issue #380)

Villains

Kodar the Black Vassal and his army (first and only appearance to date)

Other Characters

King Artros (no further appearances to date) and **his army** (first and only appearance to date)

Princess Elwinda (first and only appearance to date; Artos's daughter)

Sir Kayle, Sir Borrs, Sir Elistar, Sir Galado, and **Sir Norwith** (Artros's knights) and **Radagor** (Artros's viceroy; first and only appearance of all to date)

Dori (Princess Elwinda's matron) and **an unnamed page** (first and only appearance of both to date)

Cameo Appearances

Celebrand and **Psyche** (in flashback)
Proty II (in flashback)

Comments

Chemical King, Colossal Boy, Dream Girl, Invisible Kid, Karate Kid, Light Lass, Lightning Lad, Matter-Eater Lad, Mon-El, Phantom Girl, Princess Projectra, Shrinking Violet, Sun Boy, and Timber Wolf do not appear in this story.

Synopsis

The ersatz Bouncing Boy finds himself in an extradimensional world not unlike that of King Arthur and his Knights of the Round Table, whose people use modern technological implements which nonetheless resemble ancient devices. He learns that Kodar the Black Vassal, a powerful baron, seeks the hand of the kingdom's Princess Elwinda, daughter of King Artros, and then the kingdom itself. Since none of Artros's men dare to face him, a challenge was issued to the Legion of Super-Heroes' mightiest member. If the Legionnaire defeats Kodar, he will win the princess's hand.

When instruments indicate that Bouncing Boy is not what he seems, he is revealed as Chameleon Boy, who had disguised himself as Bouncing Boy, while his pet, Proty II, became a duplicate of his master. Since the real Bouncing Boy had been knocked unconscious during the battle, Chameleon Boy had decided to borrow Bouncing Boy's identity, hoping it would help him win the contest.

Touring the kingdom in the form of a bird, Chameleon Boy sees Princess Elwinda in a walled garden and flies to her. Although initially afraid of his powers and alien appearance, she soon accepts him for what he is, and the two grow close. When the Legionnaire is summoned before Artros and his council, however, he is informed that he will not be allowed to fight Kodar because he might win, and an alien cannot be permitted to claim Elwinda. When he rebels, they imprison him, and Elwinda fruitlessly pleads his case.

Some days later, Kodar and his forces attack. Artros and his men fall before him, but Chameleon Boy's cell is blasted open during the course of the battle. Chameleon Boy then defeats Kodar and is honored by a grateful Artros. He asks to marry Elwinda, and a ceremony is performed on the battlefield in which the couple takes vows under raised axes.

Meanwhile, the Legionnaires have realized that Chameleon Boy is missing, and are using the seven stones of Alactos to search the dimensions for him. When they suddenly find him, they suppose that he is about to be executed, and so use a teleport ray to bring him back to Earth, permanently sealing the dimensional passage between the two worlds in the process.

Adventure Comics #377
February 1969

Cover Credits

Artist: **Neal Adams**
Letterer: **Gaspar Saladino**

STORY

"Heroes for Hire" (23 pages)
Part 2: **"The Money Mad Members"**

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SUPERBOY... PLEASE! I'VE PAID YOU WHAT YOU WANTED! NOW SAVE MY CHILD FROM THAT LEDGE-- BEFORE SHE FALLS!
RELAX POPS! I... DO IT AFTER WE COUNT THIS BEAUTIFUL CASH!
HERE'S FOR HIRE!

Credits

Editor, plotter: **Mort Weisinger**
Plotter, scripter, penciler: **Jim Shooter** (layouts only)
Penciler: **Win Mortimer**
Inker: **Jack Abel**
Letterer: **Joe Letterese**

Feature Characters

Duo Damsel, Brainiac 5, Superboy, Princess Projectra, Karate Kid, and **Chemical King**

Supporting Character

Leland McCauley III (last seen in issue #374; appears next in *Legion of Super-Heroes* (third series) #13)

Villains

Modulus (first and only appearance to date; overlord of planet Modo)

Criminals on planet Modo (first and only appearance of all to date)

Alk Ranff and **his gang** (first and only appearance to date)

An unnamed gang of thieves (first and only appearance to date)

Various unnamed criminals (first and only appearance of all to date)

Other Characters

Mr. Carey (first name not revealed; first and only appearance to date; proprietor of the Carey Interplanetary Library)

Donal S. Luse (a Worldwide 3-D News reporter) and **four unnamed newsmen of Interplanetary Press** (first and only appearance of all to date)

Leland McCauley III's unnamed aide (first and only appearance to date)

An unnamed boxing champ and **his manager, a news producer, a perfume shop salesgirl,** and **an auto salesman** (first and only appearance of all to date)

Passengers on a transport rocket (first and only appearance to date)

The panel of "Meet the Press" (a Worldwide TV program; first and only appearance to date)

The inhabitants of 30th century Mercury (first appearance; appear next in *Superboy and the Legion of Super-Heroes* #246)

The inhabitants of planets Gnogg and Rojun (first and only appearance to date)

The inhabitants of various unnamed planets (first and only appearance of all to date)

Science Police officers (last seen in issue #374; appear next in issue #380)

The citizens of 30th century Metropolis (last seen in issue #374)

Comments

Bouncing Boy, Chameleon Boy, Colossal Boy, Cosmic Boy, Dream Girl, Element Lad, Invisible Kid, Light Lass, Lightning Lad, Matter-Eater Lad, Mon-El, Phantom Girl, Saturn Girl, Shadow Lass, Shrinking Violet, Star Boy, Sun Boy, Supergirl, Timber Wolf, and Ultra Boy do not appear in this story.

Synopsis

Captured by the Legion and the Science Police, criminal Alk Ranff tells them that his gang operates from the planet Modo, a world controlled by Modulus, a being who is part of Modo itself. Modo has become a safe haven for criminals of many planets, and because Kryptonite and hostages are kept there, the Legion is helpless to interfere. Returning to their headquarters to think things through, they finally announce that the situation seems hopeless and that their own welfare is more important.

Their meaning soon becomes clear, as Superboy answers an alarm to save an air transport ship from crashing into the Indian Ocean, but only after one passenger, millionaire Leland McCauley III, pays him for doing so. Similarly, Karate Kid saves the irreplaceable rare book collection of the Carey Interplanetary Library, after demanding a reward of five million dollars.

An indignant Leland McCauley contacts the Legion and demands that they make an appearance on the "Meet the Press" program to explain their behavior.

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On worldwide TV, the heroes explain that they are helpless before the current crime wave, and have decided to earn money with their deeds, no matter how the public reacts. In the days that follow, the crime wave increases, and the public turns against the Legion. The heroes depart Earth and use a Legion Cruiser as their base, while accepting jobs on different worlds.

On the planet Gnogg, Superboy saves a little girl and is paid in ergloks, a currency made of pure radium. Princess Projectra creates an advertising image on the planet Rojun and is paid with its money, living crystals. Karate Kid earns gaseous money by fighting a boxing champ on Mercury. All sorts of weird alien monies are earned by the mercenary Legionnaires, and when Brainiac 5 gives the word, they go on a mad spending spree.

Meanwhile, criminals attack the Legion ship and take it to Modo, hoping to acquire its wealth. The Legionnaires escape, and Brainiac 5 has Chemical King use his power on the stored cash to set in motion a process whereby the alien monies react with each other to create a radiation that paralyzes everyone on Modo, including Modulus. The Science Police then go to the planet and make a mass arrest. Their scheme successfully completed, the Legionnaires return all the money they were paid, with interest.

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HURRY WITH OUR WILL, SUPERBOY! BEFORE THE HOURGLASS AND OUR LIVES... RUN OUT!
LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT
WATCH THE LEGION MEMBERS DIE!
DOING MY BEST, BRAINY... BUT I'M TOO WEAK. MY FINGER CAN HARDLY SCRATCH THIS STEEL...!

Adventure Comics #378
March 1969

Cover Credits

Artist: **Neal Adams**
Letterer: **Gaspar Saladino**

STORY

"Twelve Hours to Live" (23 pages)
Part 2: **"In the Shadow of Death"**

Credits

Editor, plotter: **Mort Weisinger**
Plotter, scripter, penciler: **Jim Shooter** (layouts only)
Penciler: **Win Mortimer**
Inker: **Jack Abel**
Letterer: **Joe Letterese**

Feature Characters

Duo Damsel, Brainiac 5, Superboy, Princess Projectra, and **Karate Kid**

Feature Characters

Mr. and **Mrs. Durgo** (last seen in issue #359; no further appearances to date)

Villains

Tharok and **Validus** (both last seen in issue #366; both appear next in the Legion of Super-Heroes story in *Superboy* #190)

Persuader, Emerald Empress, and **Mano** (all last seen in issue #366; teamed with the above two villains as the **Fatal Five**; all appear next in *Superboy* #198)

Alek Korlo (name revealed in next issue; first appearance; a small-time crook)

Guest Appearances

Jonathan and **Martha Kent** and the **citizens of 20th century Smallville** (all in between *Superboy* #154 and #157)

Lana Lang (in between *Superboy* #155 and #157)

Other Characters

Myron Marks (first and only appearance to date; a park bench philosopher)

A space roc (first and only appearance to date)

The inhabitants of 30th century Mars (first appearance; appear next in *Legion of Super-Heroes* (third series) #29)

The citizens of 30th century Metropolis (appear next in the Legion of Super-Heroes story in *Action Comics* #378)

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Cameo Appearances

King Voxv and **his wife** (as an illusion)

An unnamed actor and **actress** (on senso-theater screen)

Comments

Bouncing Boy, Chameleon Boy, Chemical King, Colossal Boy, Cosmic Boy, Dream Girl, Element Lad, Invisible Kid, Light Lass, Lightning Lad, Matter-Eater Lad, Mon-El, Phantom Girl, Saturn Girl, Shadow Lass, Shrinking Violet, Star Boy, Sun Boy, Supergirl, Timber Wolf, and Ultra Boy do not appear in this story.

The story continues in the next issue.

Synopsis

Brainiac 5 celebrates his birthday with four of his comrades, Superboy, Duo Damsel, Karate Kid, and Princess Projectra. They toast him with kono juice in ivory cups as is the custom on his world, but as he drinks, he notes an unusual bitter taste. Rushing to his lab, he finds that an unknown enemy has laced all the cups with deadly Rakurga poison, for which there is no known antidote. Even Superboy will be affected, as his cup was laced with added Kryptionite. Brainiac 5 announces to the others that they now have twelve hours to live, and as they walk away to live out those hours, he dedicates himself to finding a cure in time.

Superboy goes back to 20th century Smallville and walks through the town, but finds the memories that well up within him too much to bear, and so returns to the 30th century to dedicate himself to performing as many good deeds as he is able.

Watching the Boy of Steel on a monitor, Duo Damsel wishes she could do as he is doing, and goes to spend her final hours with her parents in their suburban home, without telling them of her plight.

Karate Kid decides to die in battle. Tapping into the Science Police crime-computer, he learns the probable whereabouts of the Fatal Five and uses an experimental Legion warp-ship to fly there and attack them. He nearly overcomes the villains, until Tharok realizes that he is alone and orders Validus to blast him. The gargantuan being does so, ripping a hole in the Five's asteroid base in the process. The Fatal Five escape in a ship after Tharok activates a destruct mechanism which nearly destroys Karate Kid, who is disappointed to have survived the encounter.

As for Princess Projectra, she feels alone without Karate Kid or her parents near. A senso-theater movie fails to shake her depression, and she walks to Metro Square Park. There, a young man named Myron Marks notes her glumness and helps her face impending death calmly and with courage.

The five doomed Legionnaires gather in their headquarters, where they learn that Brainiac 5 has failed to find a cure. They make a will, bequeathing their possessions to their surviving comrades. After they sign the document, a huge steel tablet, the poison begins to take effect, and they collapse one by one.

At the last moment, Brainiac 5 realizes that the Miracle Machine can save them, and he rushes to it, only to find it still sealed in inertron. He too sinks into a coma, and as the heroes' lives ebb away, a mysterious figure suddenly appears before them, gloating over their deaths. Suddenly, he freezes, for time inside the Legion Headquarters has now completely stopped.

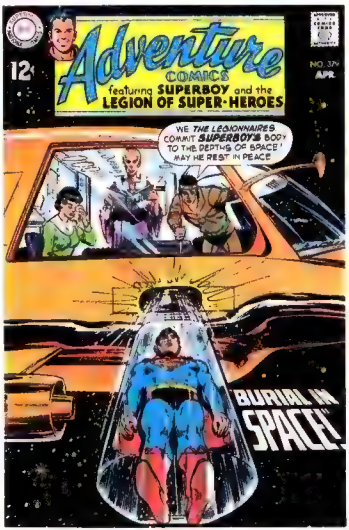
Adventure Comics #379
April 1969

Cover Credits

Artist: **Neal Adams**
Letterer: **Gaspar Saladino**

STORY

"Burial in Space" (23 pages)
Part 2: **"Showdown on Seeris"**
Part 3: **"Help Comes ... Too Late?"**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BURIAL IN SPACE!

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Credits

Editor, plotter: **Mort Weisinger**
Plotter, scripter, penciler: **Jim Shooter** (layouts only)
Penciler: **Win Mortimer**
Inker: **Jack Abel**
Letterer: **John Costanza**

Feature Characters

Lightning Lad, Duo Damsel, Phantom Girl, Chameleon Boy, Invisible Kid, Star Boy, Brainiac 5, Shrinking Violet, Superboy, Ultra Boy, Princess Projectra, Karate Kid, Chemical King, and Timber Wolf

Villains

An unnamed army of savages (first and only appearance to date)
Alek Korlo (no further appearances to date)

Other Characters

The inhabitants of planet Seeris (first and only appearance to date; "**Egghead**" named in this story)

Comment

Bouncing Boy, Colossal Boy, Cosmic Boy, Dream Girl, Element Lad, Light Lass, Matter-Eater Lad, Mon-El, Saturn Girl, Shadow Lass, Sun Boy, and Supergirl do not appear in this story.

Synopsis

The alien who has stopped time in Legion Headquarters had come to obtain aid for his race, the Seerons. When other Legionnaires arrive at their base, he explains their comrades' poisoning and promises to provide a cure if the Legion will successfully perform a task for him.

With little choice, the heroes agree, and find themselves teleported to the alien's homeworld, Seeris. There the Legionnaires learn that the Seerons have devoted themselves to thought and ideas. Complete automation occurred long ago, and machines perform all necessary physical tasks. Their entire system is now being threatened by a neighboring army whose physical might renders them impervious to the Seerons' mental prowess.

The Legion members engage in two skirmishes with the invaders, but fail to turn them back. Meanwhile, back at headquarters, Invisible Kid and Shrinking Violet return from a mission, find their supposedly deceased fellow members, and commit their bodies to space in a funeral ceremony.

In Seeris City, Ultra Boy addresses the entire populace, telling them that they outnumber the invaders 10,000 to 1, and that they can win by sheer numbers. The Seerons then attack the invaders and overcome them just as he had suggested.

In gratitude, the Seerons return the Legionnaires to their headquarters, lifting the spell of timelessness and curing all within of every infirmity.

The Legionnaires arrive to greet Invisible Kid and Shrinking Violet, who inform them of the funeral; they have given the supposedly deceased heroes. Ultra Boy hastily uses the Miracle Machine to restore the five heroes to health, and a small-time crook, Alek Korlo, is revealed as the one responsible for the poisoning.

Adventure Comics #380
May 1969

Cover Credits

Artists: **Curt Swan** (penciler) and **Mike Esposito** (inker)
Letterer: **Gaspar Saladino**

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SUPERBOY! WHERE ARE YOU?
STRANGE! I'VE BEEN OVER EVERY STEP AROUND THIS ROCK A MINUTE AGO! WHY DOESN'T HE ANSWER?
"The AMAZING SPACE ODYSSEY of THE LEGION!"

STORY

"The Legion's Space Odyssey" (23 pages)
Part 2: **"The Building of the Ship"**
Part 3: **"No Welcome for the Wanderers"**

Credits

Editor, plotter: **Mort Weisinger**
Plotter, scripter, penciler: **Jim Shooter** (layouts only)

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Penciler: **Win Mortimer**
Inker: **Jack Abel**
Letterer: **Milton Snapinn**

Feature Characters

Cosmic Boy, Duo Damsel, Invisible Kid, Superboy, Sun Boy, Bouncing Boy, Ultra Boy, Mon-El, Light Lass, and **Dream Girl**

Supporting Characters

Beppo (last seen in issue #364; appears next in the Legion of Super-Heroes story in *Action Comics* #387)

Comet (last seen in *Superman's Girl Friend Lois Lane* #92; appears next in the Legion of Super-Heroes story in *Action Comics* #387)

Krypto and **Streaky** (both last seen in issue #364; both appear next in the Legion of Super-Heroes story in *Action Comics* #387)

Proty II (last seen in issue #376; teamed with the above four characters as the **Legion of Super-Pets**; appears next in the Legion of Super-Heroes story in *Action Comics* #387)

Villains

Skyzznx and **Alrrk** (first appearance; both die in this story)

Other Characters

Robots of Ultra Boy, Cosmic Boy, and **Duo Damsel** (first and only appearance of all to date)

Robots of Invisible Kid, Sun Boy, Light Lass, and **Bouncing Boy** (first and only appearance of all to date; all behind the scenes only)

A Science Police officer (Science Police last seen in issue #377; appear next in the Legion of Super-Heroes story in *Action Comics* #380)

Comments

The Legion of Super-Pets was last seen in issue #364 and appears next in the Legion of Super-Heroes story in *Action Comics* #387.

Brainiac 5, Chameleon Boy, Chemical King, Colossal Boy, Element Lad, Karate Kid, Lightning Lad, Matter-Eater Lad, Phantom Girl, Princess Projectra, Saturn Girl, Shadow Lass, Shrinking Violet, Star Boy, Supergirl, and Timber Wolf do not appear in this story.

This issue concludes the Legion of Super-Heroes series in *Adventure Comics*. Beginning next issue, the Supergirl strip moves to *Adventure Comics* from *Action Comics*, where the Legion of Super-Heroes strip takes its place, beginning with *Action Comics* #377.

Synopsis

As Superboy and Invisible Kid inspect equipment in the master communications room, Dream Girl contacts Superboy by monitor to confide to him a prediction she has had. Moments later, Invisible Kid notes a tremendous energy building up within the headquarters complex, and collects all Legionnaires present to evacuate.

As they gather, an explosion occurs, and the heroes find themselves apparently teleported to a strange world in a remote, uncharted section of the galaxy. There they are attacked by a monstrous creature with teeth made of Green Kryptonite, which appears to devour Superboy. The grieving Legionnaires erect a memorial to the Boy of Steel, then set about the task of surviving on the planet until they can leave.

Using their powers and scientific knowledge, they build a spaceship. When the craft is damaged by a meteor, Ultra Boy guides it to the nearest planet. While repairing their ship, the Legionnaires are beset by realistic illusions. Later, when a storm threatens to overcome them, a mysterious whirlpool forms around them and saves them.

The ship is eventually repaired, and Ultra Boy enables the craft to break the dimensional barrier and return to Earth. When the heroes radio for permission to land, however, the Science Police accuse them of being phonies. Puzzled, Ultra Boy uses his penetravision to see robot duplicates of themselves, together with Superboy and Mon-El, at Legion Headquarters. A fantastic ray-blast then destroys the robots, after which the Legionnaires are given permission to land.

Superboy reveals that he has engineered all that has happened to the Legionnaires, with the assistance of the Legion of Super-Pets, because of Dream Girl's prediction that they would be "threatened by an evil old man in a sailboat, who would turn the wind against them." Meanwhile, the old man, Skyzznx, and his young female partner, Alrrk, are hiding in their vessel on the surface of the sun, and gloating over eliminating the Legion with their death ray, a weapon which taps the power of the solar wind. These would-be conquerers of Earth are soon tracked down by the Legion, and Skyzznx pays for his failure by turning the death ray on himself and Alrrk.

Action Comics #377
June 1969

Cover Credits

Artists: **Curt Swan** (penciler) and **Neal Adams** (inker)
Letterer: **Gaspar Saladino**

STORY

"The Cage of Doom" (13 pages)

Credits

Editor, plotter: **Mort Weisinger**
Plotter, scripter: **unknown** (see Comment below)

Action Comics

Penciler: Curt Swan
Inker: Jack Abel
Letterer: Milton Snapinn

ACTION COMICS
JUNE NO. 377
15¢
Featuring THE CAGE OF DOOM!
I CAN'T STAND THE PAIN! YOUR KRYPTONITE SPORY IS KILLING ME TOO SLOWLY!
PLEASE... HAVE MERCY INCREASE THE DOSAGE...FINISH ME OFF FAST!

Feature Character

Superman

Comment

Research on this story and the Superman stories in several of the following issues is as yet incomplete. The identities of the writers of these stories will be included when the stories are fully indexed in the projected volume of this Index pertaining to *Action Comics*. Anyone possessing further information as to the writers of these stories is invited to contact the editor.

REPRINTED STORY

"The Face Behind the Lead Mask"
(from *Adventure Comics* #300)

Comment

This issue begins the new Legion of Super-Heroes series in *Action Comics*. Beginning with this issue, the Legion of Super-Heroes strip moves to *Action Comics* from *Adventure Comics*, where the Supergirl strip takes its place.

Action Comics #378
July 1969

Cover Credits

Artists: Curt Swan (penciler) and Neal Adams (inker)
Letterer: Gaspar Saladino

FIRST STORY

"The Devil's Partner" (15 pages)
Part 2: "Satan Meets Superman"

Credits

Editor, plotter: Mort Weisinger
Plotter, scripter: unknown
Penciler: Curt Swan
Inker: Jack Abel
Letterer: Joe Letterese

SUPERMAN & THE LEGION OF SUPER-HEROES
ACTION COMICS
JULY NO. 378
15¢
OWW! WHEN YOU STAB THAT CLARK KENT DOLL, I FEEL PAIN IN MY HEART! STOP...AND I'LL DO ANYTHING YOU SAY!
THEN SWEAR YOU'LL TEAM UP WITH ME TO DO EVIL! EVERYONE KNOWS SUPERMAN NEVER BREAKS HIS WORD!
Featuring SUPERMAN AS— "The DEVIL'S PARTNER!"

Feature Character

Superman

Comment

This story is fully indexed in the projected volume of this Index pertaining to *Action Comics*.

SECOND STORY

"The Forbidden Fruit" (10 pages)

Credits

Editor, plotter: **Mort Weisinger**
Plotter, scripter, penciler: **Jim Shooter** (layouts only)
Penciler: **Win Mortimer**
Inker: **Mike Esposito**
Letterer: **Charlotte Jetter**

Feature Characters

Lightning Lad, Light Lass, and **Timber Wolf**

Villains

An unnamed doctor and **his gang** (first and only appearance of all to date)

Other Characters

The citizens of 30th century Metropolis (last seen in *Adventure Comics* #378; appear next in issue #381)

Comment

Bouncing Boy, Brainiac 5, Chameleon Boy, Chemical King, Colossal Boy, Cosmic Boy, Dream Girl, Duo Damsel, Element Lad, Invisible Kid, Karate Kid, Matter-Eater Lad, Mon-El, Phantom Girl, Princess Projectra, Saturn Girl, Shadow Lass, Shrinking Violet, Star Boy, Sun Boy, Superboy, Supergirl, and Ultra Boy do not appear in this story.

Synopsis

Timber Wolf treated by a doctor in the crowd after he is injured while foiling an armored car robbery on the streets of Metropolis. Afterward, he finds himself with an insatiable craving for the rare Lotus fruit. The doctor now has the hero in his power, and gives him a fruit for himself and another to be given to a comrade.

Returning to Legion Headquarters, Timber Wolf offers Light Lass the Lotus fruit. When she angrily refuses it, he eats it himself. She follows him, only to find him so distracted that he doesn't notice her.

Realizing that someone is using Timber Wolf to get the entire Legion under his control, Light Lass trails Timber Wolf to a Metropolis alleyway, where he meets the doctor and demands more fruit. The doctor appears with a whole basketful, ordering him to share it with his fellow Legionnaires. As he reaches for it, Light Lass makes it super-light so that a breeze blows it to her. She then connects the basket to a blast grenade strapped to her belt, so that if Timber Wolf moves even one fruit, she will die. He agonizes over this dilemma, but finally his love for Light Lass wins out, and he knocks the doctor unconscious.

Action Comics #379
August 1969

Cover Credits

Artists: **Curt Swan** (penciler) and **Neal Adams** (inker)
Letterer: **Gaspar Saladino**

SUPERMAN'S TWIN BROTHERS OF SUPER-HEROES!
ACTION COMICS
15¢
THE ELIMINATOR BOASTED HE COULD DOOM ANY BEAST MAN OR SUPERMAN! BUT I'LL BE SAFE HERE-- IN THIS LOCKED STEEL VAULT!
THE REVENGE OF THE ELIMINATOR!

FIRST STORY

"The Eliminator" (15 pages)
Part 2: "To Eliminate the Eliminator"

Credits

Editor, plotter: **Mort Weisinger**
Plotter, scripter: **Leo Dorfman**
Penciler: **Curt Swan**
Inker: **Jack Abel**
Letterer: **Joe Letterese**

Feature Character

Superman

Comment

This story is fully indexed in the projected volume of this Index pertaining to *Action Comics*.

SECOND STORY

"One of Us Is an Impostor" (8 pages)

Credits

Editor, plotter: **Mort Weisinger**
Plotter, scripter: **E. Nelson Bridwell**
Penciler: **Win Mortimer**
Inker: **Murphy Anderson**
Letterer: **Milton Snapinn**

Feature Characters

Lightning Lad, Mon-El, Element Lad, Dream Girl, and Shadow Lass

Villains

Sunburst (not to be confused with the character who first appears in *The New Adventures of Superboy* #45; first and only appearance to date)

Uli Algor (first appearance; name revealed in her next appearance in the Legion of Super-Heroes story in issue #386; disguised as Shadow Lass in this story)

Comment

Bouncing Boy, Brainiac 5, Chameleon Boy, Chemical King, Colossal Boy, Cosmic Boy, Duo Damsel, Invisible Kid, Karate Kid, Light Lass, Matter-Eater Lad, Phantom Girl, Princess Projectra, Saturn Girl, Shrinking Violet, Star Boy, Sun Boy, Superboy, Supergirl, Timber Wolf, and Ultra Boy do not appear in this story.

Synopsis

As deputy leader Mon-El calls a Legion meeting to order with Lightning Lad, Element Lad, Dream Girl, and Shadow Lass in attendance, a computer alarm suddenly warns that one of the members present is an impostor, but the machine explodes before it can identify the intruder. As the heroes discuss methods of identifying the false Legionnaire, another emergency signal alerts them to a crime in progress.

A criminal called Sunburst, who wields solar power by means of his special gloves, is robbing the Metropolis Mint. As the Legionnaires attempt to capture him, however, each of them suffers a mishap in using his powers. Finally, Shadow Lass blinds the villain with her darkness-casting power, and Mon-El knocks him unconscious.

The heroes gather around the fallen Sunburst and accuse each other of being the impostor because of the way each of their powers failed them. Mon-El then pulls a mask off "Shadow Lass" to reveal her as the impersonator, having suspected her because she was not weakened by Sunburst's power. The girl confesses and tells them where to locate the real Shadow Lass.

Action Comics #380

September 1969

Cover Credits

Artists: **Curt Swan** (penciler) and **Murphy Anderson** (inker)
Letterer: **Gaspar Saladino**

SUPERMAN & THE LEGION OF SUPER-HEROES
ACTION COMICS
IT BREAKS MY HEART BUT MY CONSCIENCE FORCES ME TO TELL THE TRUTH ABOUT MY PAST!
THE WORLD MUST KNOW I'M THE BLACKEST CRIMINAL WHO EVER LIVED!
THE CONFESSIONS OF SUPERMAN!
I ROBBED THE US MINT OF CLARK (SUPERMAN) KENT
I COMMITTED SUPER-SABOTAGE BY CLARK (SUPERMAN) KE
MY SECRET LIFE AS A BURGLAR
MY MILLION-DOLLAR CRIMES BY
TERROR WAS MY SECRET WEAPON
I SPIED AGAINST MY COUNTRY
by (SUPERMAN) KENT

FIRST STORY

"The Confessions of Superman" (11 pages)

Credits

Editor, plotter: **Mort Weisinger**
Plotter, scripter: **unknown**
Penciler: **Curt Swan**
Inker: **George Roussos**
Letterer: **Ben Oda**

Feature Character

Superman

Comment

This story is fully indexed in the projected volume of this Index pertaining to *Action Comics*.

The Legion of Super-Heroes Index

SECOND STORY

"Half a Legionnaire?" (12 pages)

Credits

Editor, plotter: **Mort Weisinger**
Plotter, scripter, penciler: **Jim Shooter** (layouts only)
Penciler: **Win Mortimer**
Inker: **Jack Abel**
Letterer: **Milton Snapinn**

Feature Characters

Duo Damsel, Bouncing Boy, and Mon-El

Villains

Nam'Lor (first and only appearance to date; superhero of planet Ikros)

An unnamed madman (first and only appearance to date)

Other Characters

The High Commissioner of planet Ikros (also spelled Ikro once in this story; first and only appearance to date; appears in flashback only)

Two Science Police officers (Science Police officers last seen in *Adventure Comics* #380; appear next in the Legion of Super-Heroes story in issue #383)

Comment

Brainiac 5, Chameleon Boy, Chemical King, Colossal Boy, Cosmic Boy, Dream Girl, Element Lad, Invisible Kid, Karate Kid, Light Lass, Lightning Lad, Matter-Eater Lad, Phantom Girl, Princess Projectra, Saturn Girl, Shadow Lass, Shrinking Violet, Star Boy, Sun Boy, Superboy, Supergirl, Timber Wolf, and Ultra Boy do not appear in this story.

Synopsis

Duo Damsel is exhausted after her latest assignment, so when Mon-El sends her to deliver important papers to the planet Ikros, one of her twin selves, whom Bouncing Boy dubs Luornu II, undertakes the mission while the other remains on Earth to relax.

Days have passed without word from Luornu's other self, when a masked man and woman with superpowers suddenly appear on Earth and begin committing robberies. Investigating, Mon-El, Bouncing Boy, and Duo Damsel encounter Luornu II, who introduces them to her fiance, Nam'Lor. Nam'Lor departs and the two Luornus again become one. Mon-El, who has to leave on a space mission, warns Bouncing Boy to watch Duo Damsel carefully.

A distraught Duo Damsel soon recalls Luornu II's recent experiences in a dream. After completing her mission to Ikros, she had been rescued from a fall by the planet's hero, Nam'Lor, with whom she quickly fell in love. Duo Damsel wakes in terror, and Luornu II suddenly splits off from her and departs. The heroine now realizes that her other self has developed a distinct, separate personality.

After an inconclusive skirmish with the two masked raiders at Metropolis's Amalgonite Refinery, Bouncing Boy and Duo Damsel realize that the criminals are actually Nam'Lor and Luornu II, whom he calls Lelith. Confronted by the two, Bouncing Boy attempts to stop Nam'Lor with a super-power neutralizer, but he avoids the blasts and overpowers the Legionnaire.

Lelith then orders Nam'Lor to kill Bouncing Boy, but he refuses. He then explains that the hyper-aura surrounding his body, which gives him his powers, had turned Lelith evil, and that he had committed crimes for her in the hope that she would return to normal, because he loved her. He now leaves her forever, telling the Legionnaires that the aura-radiation will wear off in a few days, and Lelith will become her old self.

Action Comics #381
October 1969

Cover Credits

Artists: **Curt Swan** (penciler) and **Murphy Anderson** (inker)
Letterer: **Gaspar Saladino**

SUPERMAN & THE LEGION OF SUPER-HEROES
ACTION COMICS
OCT. NO. 381
15¢
Featuring SUPERMAN as THE DICTATOR OF EARTH!
FROM THIS MOMENT ON, THERE IS NO MORE UNITED NATIONS! my SUPERMAN BANNER WILL REPLACE ALL OTHER FLAGS!
I'M TAKING OVER THE WHOLE WORLD!

Action Comics

FIRST STORY

"The Dictator of Earth" (10 pages)

Credits

Editor, plotter: **Mort Weisinger**
Plotter, scripter: **unknown**
Penciler: **Curt Swan**
Inker: **George Roussos**
Letterer: **Milton Snapinn**

Feature Character

Superman

Comment

This story is fully indexed in the projected volume of this Index pertaining to *Action Comics*.

SECOND STORY

"The Hapless Hero" (12 pages)

Credits

Editor, plotter: **Mort Weisinger**
Plotter, scripter, penciler: **Jim Shooter** (layouts only)
Penciler: **Win Mortimer**
Inker: **Jack Abel**
Letterer: **John Costanza**

Feature Characters

Saturn Girl, Lightning Lad, Phantom Girl, Brainiac 5, Shrinking Violet, Ultra Boy, Matter-Eater Lad, Princess Projectra, Karate Kid, and **Chemical King**

Supporting Characters

Duplicate Boy (real name Qued Orlu, revealed in this issue; last seen in *Adventure Comics* #339; gets new costume; appears next in *Superboy* #200)

Rali and **Mitz Kem** (both last seen, behind the scenes, in *Adventure Comics* #356; both appear next in the Legion of Super-Heroes story in *Superboy* #184)

Other Characters

C-31 (first and only appearance to date; a robot chauffeur)

Employees at Zardi's Four Worlds Restaurant (first and only appearance to date)

The citizens of 30th century Metropolis (last seen in issue #378)

Comment

Bouncing Boy, Chameleon Boy, Colossal Boy, Cosmic Boy, Dream Girl, Duo Damsel, Element Lad, Invisible Kid, Light Lass, Mon-El, Shadow Lass, Star Boy, Sun Boy, Superboy, Supergirl, and Timber Wolf do not appear in this story.

Synopsis

As Matter-Eater Lad returns from a Legion meeting to his parents' home in the slum sector of Metropolis, his mother immediately asks for his monthly Legion living allowance check. She needs the money to keep the household running since his father, who gets a pension after the robot plant he worked at for twenty years closed, wastes his money gambling on the kangobronc races. After an angry exchange with his parents, the Legionnaire stalks out.

Matter-Eater Lad returns to Legion Headquarters to find Shrinking Violet substituting for Brainiac 5 on monitor duty. She too is upset, because her boyfriend, Duplicate Boy, who is often far away, had promised to date her that night, but failed to show up. Matter-Eater Lad, who still has his Legion check, offers to take her out, and she accepts. Over dinner at a posh restaurant, he tells her about his home life, and Shrinking Violet listens sympathetically. The couple then goes dancing, returning to Legion Headquarters at dawn.

Abruptly, Duplicate Boy materializes and accuses Matter-Eater Lad of trying to steal his girlfriend. Matter-Eater Lad refuses to fight back, telling Duplicate Boy that last night taught him to face whatever life has to offer. Shrinking Violet adds that she still loves him, and that Matter-Eater Lad simply took care of her in her loneliness. Duplicate Boy and Shrinking Violet are reconciled.

The next day, Matter-Eater Lad receives a letter of forgiveness from his parents.

Action Comics #382
November 1969

Cover Credits

Artists: **Curt Swan** (penciler) and **Murphy Anderson** (inker)
Letterer: **Gaspar Saladino**

FIRST STORY

"Clark Kent, Magician" (14 pages)

Credits

Editor, plotter: **Mort Weisinger**
Plotter, scripter: **unknown**
Penciler: **Curt Swan**
Inker: **George Roussos**
Letterer: **Ben Oda**

Feature Character

Superman

Comment

This story is fully indexed in the projected volume of this Index pertaining to *Action Comics*.

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SUPERMAN & THE LEGION OF SUPER-HEROES
ACTION COMICS
NOV. NO. 382
15¢
ARISE PUPPET, AND COME TO LIFE! LET THE MAGIC WAND OF THE GREAT KENTO GIVE YOU THE MIGHTY POWERS OF SUPERMAN!
POOR KENT - HE'S QUIT HIS REPORTER JOB TO TAKE UP MAGIC - AND HE'S GONE BANANAS!
Featuring... CLARK KENT as The MAD MAGICIAN!

SECOND STORY

"Kill a Friend to Save a World" (11 pages)

Credits

Editor, plotter: **Mort Weisinger**
Plotter, scripter, penciler: **Jim Shooter** (layouts only)
Penciler: **Win Mortimer**
Inker: **Jack Abel**
Letterer: **Milton Snapinn**

Feature Characters

Shrinking Violet, Superboy, Ultra Boy, Mon-El, Light Lass (disguised as Carina Walter in this story), **Karate Kid,** and **Timber Wolf**

Villains

Cosvarr and **Zorla** (first appearance of both; both die in this story)

Cosvarr's plant employees (first and only appearance to date; all but one behind the scenes) and **his Protector androids** (first appearance; all destroyed in this story)

Other Characters

The Interworld Security Council (first and only appearance to date)

The citizens of 30th century Metropolis (appear next in the Legion of Super-Heroes story in issue #386)

Comments

Bouncing Boy, Brainiac 5, Chameleon Boy, Chemical King, Colossal Boy, Cosmic Boy, Dream Girl, Duo Damsel, Element Lad, Invisible Kid, Lightning Lad, Matter-Eater Lad, Mon-El, Phantom Girl, Princess Projectra, Saturn Girl, Shadow Lass, Star Boy, Sun Boy, and Supergirl do not appear in this story.

Karate Kid is revealed as the new Legion leader, with Mon-El as his deputy, in this story.

Synopsis

After Ultra Boy is publicly challenged and defeated by an android of his design, a man named Cosvarr appears at a conference of the Interworld Security Council offering to sell his creations to members of the United Planets. Called Protectors, these androids are said to be superior defense machines, eliminating the need for armies, weapons, and police. The Legion members deduce Cosvarr's scheme: Every planet will want his machines because those without them will be menaced by those who have them, and the resulting arms race will net him billions.

Some time later, on Jupiter, Cosvarr and his partner, a young woman named Zorla, prepare to receive a guest, billionairess Carina Walter (actually a disguised Light Lass), who is interested in buying a Protector. Cosvarr tells her that he experimented on Superboy and Mon-El, whom he captured by hypnosis, and duplicated some of their powers in his Protectors. Meanwhile, Shrinking Violet, Karate Kid, and Timber Wolf (disguised as one of Cosvarr's workers) emerge from Carina's ship to investigate the premises.

When Zorla discovers Timber Wolf's presence, he is forced to battle Karate Kid in order to maintain his masquerade. Zorla causes components on an assembly line to fly at Karate Kid and knock him out. She then tries unsuccessfully to alert Cosvarr, whom she finds trying to persuade Carina to replace Zorla as his lover and ally. She confronts him, and as the Legionnaires rescue Superboy and Mon-El and escape, Zorla has her revenge by pressing a button which destroys Cosvarr's entire base.

Action Comics #383
December 1969

Cover Credits

Artists: **Curt Swan** (penciler) and **Murphy Anderson** (inker)
Letterer: **Gaspar Saladino**

FIRST STORY

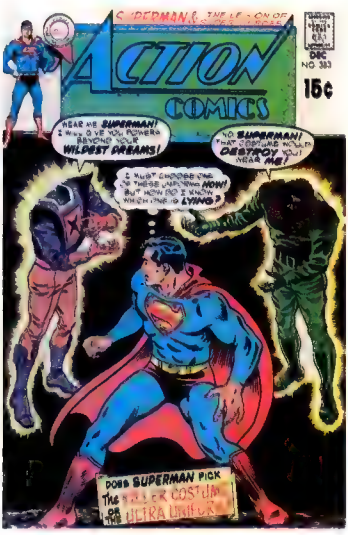
"The Killer Costume" (13 pages)

Credits

Editor, plotter: **Mort Weisinger**
Plotter, scripter: **unknown**

Action Comics

Penciler: Curt Swan
Inker: George Roussos
Letterer: Ben Oda


SUPERMAN'S TWELFTH YEAR
ACTION COMICS
DEC NO. 353
15¢
NEAR HE SUPERMAN! I WISH I'D HAVE YOU POWERS BEYOND YOUR WILDEST DREAMS!
NO SUPERMAN! THAT COSTUME WOULD CRAMP YOU! WEAR ME!
I MUST CHOOSE THE ONE THESE LADY FROM NOW! BUT HOW DO I KNOW WHICH ONE IS LYING?
DOES SUPERMAN PICK THE COSTUM OF THE ULTRA UNIFORM

Feature Character

Superman

Comment

This story is fully indexed in the projected volume of this Index pertaining to *Action Comics*.

SECOND STORY

"Chameleon Boy's Secret Identity"
(11 pages)

Credits

Editor, plotter: Mort Weisinger
Plotter, scripter: E. Nelson Bridwell
Penciler: Win Mortimer
Inker: Jack Abel
Letterer: Ben Oda

Feature Characters

Chameleon Boy (disguised as "Dane Roberts" in this story), **Princess Projectra**, and **Karate Kid**

Supporting Characters

Janice Warren (first and only appearance to date; a young heiress; resembles Princess Elwinda from *Adventure Comics* #376)

Villain

Al (last name not revealed; first and only appearance to date; a robot repairman and thief)

Other Characters

Guests at Janice Warren's party (first and only appearance of all to date)

Science Police officers (last seen in the Legion of Super-Heroes story in issue #380; appear next in the Legion of Super-Heroes story in *Superboy* #176)

Comment

Bouncing Boy, Brainiac 5, Chemical King, Colossal Boy, Cosmic Boy, Dream Girl, Duo Damsel, Element Lad, Invisible Kid, Light Lass, Lightning Lad, Matter-Eater Lad, Mon-El, Phantom Girl, Saturn Girl, Shadow Lass, Shrinking Violet, Star Boy, Sun Boy, Superboy, Supergirl, Timber Wolf, and Ultra Boy do not appear in this story.

Synopsis

Chameleon Boy substitutes for a busy Karate Kid as Princess Projectra's escort to a weekend party at the home of her wealthy friend, Janice Warren. Upon their arrival, Chameleon Boy is immediately attracted to Janice, who strongly resembles Princess Elwinda, the girl he once loved and almost married.

Eavesdropping, he hears Janice telling Projectra that she finds his alien appearance distasteful and that she much prefers a darkly-handsome Earth type. With Projectra's help, Chameleon Boy makes it appear that he has left the party, while actually assuming the guise of Dane Roberts, a young man with all the attributes Janice admires, in which identity he becomes her escort.

That night, Janice's valuable light-jewel is stolen from her vault, and Dane becomes a suspect. In order to clear himself, he secretly uses his shape-changing powers to discover that the true culprit is Al, a robot service man who has secreted a closed-circuit TV camera in the robot guarding the vault. When Dane and Janice find further evidence in Al's shop, he surprises them and threatens to use a senili-ray on Janice, aging her 10,000 years in 30 seconds. Dane transforms himself into Janice's double to distract Al, then becomes an octoid man of the planet Luvan and knocks him out.

Janice now realizes Dane's true identity, but embraces him for saving her life. A happy Chameleon Boy now knows that she loves him for himself.

The Legion of Super-Heroes Index

Action Comics #384
January 1970

Cover Credits
Artists: **Curt Swan** (penciler) and **Murphy Anderson** (inker)
Letterer: **Gaspar Saladino**

SUPERMAN & THE LEGION OF
ACTION
COMICS
15¢
JAN. NO. 384
WANTED! FOR SABOTAGE & MURDER THE WEARER OF THIS UNIFORM!
CAUTION! COSTUME HAS WEIRD POWERS!
I SWEAR I KNOW NOTHING ABOUT THAT DIABOLICAL COSTUME!
YOU'RE LYING, SUPERMAN! THE FLUOROSCOPE SHOWS YOU'RE WEARING THAT COSTUME UNDER YOURS!
FEATURING: The FORBIDDEN COSTUME!

FIRST STORY
"The Forbidden Costume" (13 pages)

Credits
Editor, plotter: **Mort Weisinger**
Plotter, scripter: **unknown**
Penciler: **Curt Swan**
Inker: **George Roussos**
Letterer: **John Costanza**

Feature Character
Superman

Comment
This story is fully indexed in the projected volume of this Index pertaining to *Action Comics*.

SECOND STORY
"Lament for a Legionnaire" (11 pages)

Credits
Editor, plotter: **Mort Weisinger**
Plotter, scripter, penciler: **Jim Shooter** (layouts only)
Penciler: **Win Mortimer**
Inker: **Jack Abel**
Letterer: **Joe Letterese**

Feature Characters
Superboy, Ultra Boy, Mon-El, Element Lad, Dream Girl, Princess Projectra, Karate Kid, and **Shadow Lass**

Villains
A gang of interdimensional raiders (first and only appearance to date)

Other Characters
Eltro Gand (first appearance; a descendant of Mon-El's older brother; dies in this story)

The High Commissioner of planet Daxam (first and only appearance to date)

Comments
Bouncing Boy, Brainiac 5, Chameleon Boy, Chemical King, Colossal Boy, Cosmic Boy, Dream Girl, Duo Damsel, Element Lad, Invisible Kid, Karate Kid, Light Lass, Lightning Lad, Matter-Eater Lad, Mon-El, Phantom Girl, Princess Projectra, Saturn Girl, Shadow Lass, Shrinking Violet, Star Boy, Sun Boy, Superboy, Supergirl, Timber Wolf, and Ultra Boy do not appear in this story.

Synopsis
Dream Girl has a prophetic dream in which she foresees the death and funeral of Mon-El, which will take place in five days. Once Mon-El learns of the prediction, he resists his teammates' efforts to help him escape his fate. When the High Commissioner of Daxam proposes that Mon-El hide in an impenetrable sanctuary on his homeworld until the day of his predicted demise has passed, he refuses, instead choosing to go on a mission like any other Legionnaire.

Karate Kid sends him to the Posvar asteroid complex to investigate the wrecked Posvar III probe. Days pass, and Mon-El finally returns to Legion Headquarters, but he has apparently lost his earlier confidence. That night, Superboy sneaks into his room but is surprised by his friend, who realizes that the Boy of Steel had planned to kidnap him and face his death in disguise.

On the fatal day, while his comrades are trapped inside an force-shield surrounding their headquarters, Mon-El fights and drives off a band of interdimensional raiders. He then reveals that he is actually Eltro Gand, a descendant of Mon-El's older brother. He succeeded at what Superboy had tried to do, overpow-

ering the real Mon-El in the Posvar asteroid belt, drugging him with a super-sedative on a nearby planetoid, and taking his place. Dream Girl's prophecy has apparently been foiled, and Eltro Gand takes the Legion to their comrade.

When they arrive, however, they find the real Mon-El dead, since the serum he takes to counteract his vulnerability to lead has worn off, and traces of lead in the surrounding rocks have killed him. Grief-stricken, Eltro Gand snatches up Mon-El's body and takes it back to Legion Headquarters, where he places both of them in an exchanger, a device similar in function to the process once used to restore Lightning Lad. The others arrive just as he gives his life-force to Mon-El. Because of Eltro Gand's sacrifice, the hero lives again.

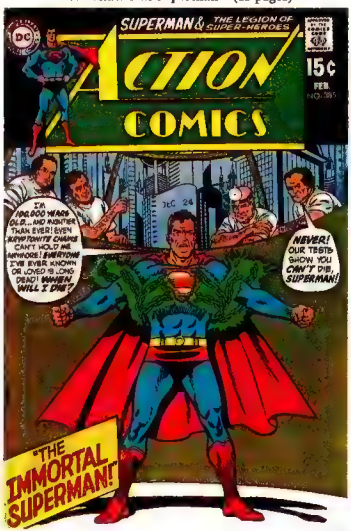
Action Comics #385
February 1970

Cover Credits

Artists: **Curt Swan** (penciler) and **Murphy Anderson** (inker)
Letterer: **Gaspar Saladino**

FIRST STORY

"The Immortal Superman" (15 pages)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I'M 100,000 YEARS OLD... AND RICHTER THAN EVER! EVEN KRYPTONITE CHARGE CAN'T HOLD ME ANYMORE! EVERYONE I'VE EVER KNOWN OR LOVED IS LONG DEAD! WHEN WILL I DIE?
NEVER! OUR TESTS SHOW YOU CAN'T DIE, SUPERMAN!
"THE IMMORTAL SUPERMAN!"

Credits

Editor, plotter: **Mort Weisinger**
Plotter, scripter: **Cary Bates**
Penciler: **Curt Swan**
Inker: **George Roussos**
Letterer: **Joe Letterese**

Feature Character

Superman

Comment

This story is fully indexed in the projected volume of this Index pertaining to *Action Comics*.

SECOND STORY

"The Fallen Star Boy" (11 pages)

Credits

Editor, plotter: **Mort Weisinger**
Plotter, scripter: **E. Nelson Bridwell**
Penciler: **Win Mortimer**
Inker: **Jack Abel**
Letterer: **Joe Letterese**

Feature Characters

Saturn Girl (real name misspelled "Irma" once in this story), **Colossal Boy, Star Boy, Brainiac 5, Dream Girl,** and **Karate Kid**

Villains

Yark Althu (Kenz Nuhor's brother) **and his gang** (inhabitants of planet Naltor; first and only appearance of all to date; see Comment below)

Other Characters

The Director of Police of planet Xanthu (first and only appearance to date)

The inhabitants of planet Xanthu (first appearance; appear next in *Legion of Super-Heroes* (third series) #28)

Cameo Appearances

Kenz Nuhor and **Jan Barth** (in flashback to *Adventure Comics* #342)

Comments

The inhabitants of planet Naltor were last seen in *Adventure Comics* #363 and appear next in *Legion of Super-Heroes* (second series) #285.

Bouncing Boy, Chameleon Boy, Chemical King, Cosmic Boy, Duo Damsel, Element Lad, Invisible Kid, Light Lass, Lightning Lad, Matter-Eater Lad, Mon-El, Phantom Girl, Princess Projectra, Shadow Lass, Shrinking Violet, Sun Boy, Superboy, Supergirl, Timber Wolf, and Ultra Boy do not appear in this story.

Synopsis

Star Boy, Saturn Girl, and Colossal Boy respond to an emergency call from Star Boy's home planet,

Xanthu, where a criminal gang has been raiding shipments of valuable materials and has resisted all police attempts to stop them. The Legionnaires help guard archeological treasures en route to the Xan City Museum, but the air-truck containing the treasures reaches the city without mishap, while Saturn Girl is unable to sense any suspicious thoughts. The pirates, wearing anti-telepathy helmets, then appear without warning and attack. In the ensuing battle, the treasures are saved, but the raiders escape.

The heroes deduce that the criminals must be from Naltor, Dream Girl's home planet, and that their powers of precognition have enabled them to foresee how the shipments would be made and how the police would attempt to capture them. The Legionnaires cannot guess that the gang's leader is Yark Althu, the brother of Kenz Nuhor, the man Star Boy once killed in self-defense. Althu desires revenge for his brother's death, and a new premonition tells him that he will succeed in capturing Star Boy the following day.

In a battle with the pirates the next day, Star Boy is caught in a teleport ray and finds himself aboard Yark Althu's spaceship, where there is no gravity, which supposedly nullifies his powers. Yark Althu intends to kill him with the same kind of ray-gun Star Boy had used on his brother, and the hero barely avoids its blasts. However, since Star Boy's power increases an object's mass, not its weight, he is able to defeat his adversary by making first the ray-gun, then Althu himself, too massive to move. Just as Althu's men are about to blast Star Boy, Colossal Boy and Saturn Girl arrive to rescue him and capture the pirates. Saturn Girl explains that she was able to locate them despite their anti-telepathy helmets because Star Boy was not wearing one.

Action Comics #386
March 1970

Cover Credits

Artists: **Curt Swan** (penciler) and **Murphy Anderson** (inker)
Letterer: **Gaspar Saladino**

FIRST STORY

"The Home for Old Super-Heroes" (14 pages)

Credits

Editor, plotter: **Mort Weisinger**
Plotter, scripter: **Cary Bates**
Penciler: **Curt Swan**
Inker: **George Roussos**
Letterer: **Joe Letterese**

Feature Character

Superman

SUPERMAN & THE LEGION OF SUPER-HEROES
ACTION COMICS
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I WAS CALLED ELECTROMAN! I CAN STILL GIVE OFF A BOLT!
I WAS THE LAST GREEN LANTERN! I WAS SENT HERE WHEN I GREW TOO OLD TO FIGHT CRIME!
I WAS ATOM KING, MIGHTIEST MAN ON MY WORLD!
AND I WAS SUPERMAN ON THE PLANET EARTH! BUT LIKE THE REST OF YOU, I'VE OUTLIVED MY USEFULNESS! NO ONE WANTS ME AROUND ANY MORE!
THE OLD HEROES' HOME
"THE HOME FOR OLD SUPER-HEROES!"

Comment

This story is fully indexed in the projected volume of this Index pertaining to *Action Comics*.

SECOND STORY

"Zap Goes the Legion!" (11 pages)

Credits

Editor, plotter: **Mort Weisinger**
Plotter, scripter: **E. Nelson Bridwell**
Penciler: **Win Mortimer**
Inker: **Jack Abel**
Letterer: **Shelly Leferman**

Feature Characters

Cosmic Boy, Saturn Girl, Lightning Lad, Phantom Girl, Brainiac 5, Ultra Boy, and Karate Kid

Supporting Character

Night Girl (last seen in *Adventure Comics* #374; appears next in *Superboy* #200)

Villain

Uil Algor (name revealed in this story; last seen in the Legion of Super-Heroes story in issue #379; hair miscolored red in this story; no further appearances to date)

Other Characters

Unnamed guards on planet Takron-Galtos (last seen in *Adventure Comics* #360; appear next in the first story in *Superboy* #211)

A prison official and **a matron on planet Takron-Galtos** (first and only appearance of both to date)

Hawkor Phuy (first and only appearance to date; a criminal reformed on Takron-Galtos)

A doctor at the Metro Medi-Center (first and only appearance to date)

The citizens of 30th century Metropolis (last seen in issue #382; appear next in *Superboy* #176)

Cameo Appearances

James J. Jeffries and **Jack Johnson** (in a newsreel)

Comment

Bouncing Boy, Chameleon Boy, Chemical King, Colossal Boy, Dream Girl, Duo Damsel, Element Lad, Invisible Kid, Light Lass, Matter-Eater Lad, Mon-El, Princess Projectra, Shadow Lass, Shrinking Violet, Star Boy, Sun Boy, Superboy, Supergirl, and Timber Wolf do not appear in this story.

Synopsis

Uli Algor, who once impersonated Shadow Lass and tried to steal Legion secrets, is seemingly rehabilitated and is released from prison. However, she had immunized herself against the light-mechanism used to reform her, and days later, she reappears on Earth and attacks several Legion members and Night Girl, using a device that turns their various powers against them.

When she issues a challenge to the other Legionnaires, they agree to meet her on Talus, an asteroid made of junked spaceships, where they have a trap prepared for her. Although Uli escapes the encounter, Phantom Girl is able to stow away aboard her ship. Returning to Earth, Uli lands in Midway City, which was ruined in an atomic war centuries earlier. Phantom Girl summons Brainiac 5 and Ultra Boy, but is injured when the villainess spots her.

Arriving, Brainiac 5 treats Phantom Girl while Ultra Boy searches for their antagonist. Uli answers his challenge, and Ultra Boy, not using any of his powers lest she turn them against him, defeats her with an old-fashioned uppercut.

Action Comics #387
April 1970

Cover Credits

Artists: **Curt Swan** (penciler) and **Murphy Anderson** (inker)

Letterer: **Gaspar Saladino**

SUPERMAN & THE LEGION OF SUPER-HEROES
ACTION COMICS
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IT'S NO USE... I CANNOT REVIVE SUPERMAN! HE IS OVER ONE MILLION YEARS OLD! IN MINUTES HE'LL TURN TO DUST!
IF THIS HEALER FAILED, NO ONE CAN SAVE HIM!
FEATURING...
EVEN A SUPERMAN DIES!

FIRST STORY

"Even a Superman Dies" (16 pages)

Credits

Editor, plotter: **Mort Weisinger**
Plotter, scripter: **Cary Bates**
Penciler: **Curt Swan**
Inker: **George Roussos**
Letterer: **Milton Snapinn**

Feature Character

Superman

Comment

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SECOND STORY

"One Hero Too Many" (10 pages)

Credits

Editor, plotter: **Mort Weisinger**
Plotter, scripter: **E. Nelson Bridwell**
Penciler: **Win Mortimer**
Inker: **Jack Abel**
Letterer: **Joe Letterese**

The Legion of Super-Heroes Index

Feature Character

Duo Damsel, Phantom Girl, Supergirl, Brainiac 5, Sun Boy, Bouncing Boy, Ultra Boy, Mon-El, Element Lad, Dream Girl, Princess Projectra, Karate Kid, Chemical King, and **Timber Wolf**

Superboy (quits the Legion of Super-Heroes in this story)

Supporting Characters

Beppo (last seen in *Adventure Comics* #380; no further appearances to date)

Comet (in between *Adventure Comics* #380 and #392)

Krypto (in between *Adventure Comics* #380 and #396)

Streaky (in between *Adventure Comics* #380 and #394)

Proty II (last seen in *Adventure Comics* #380; teamed with the above four characters as the **Legion of Super-Pets**; appears next in issue #390)

Other Characters

Prof. Sayar (first and only appearance to date; a scientist)

Wayland Bannan (first and only appearance to date; head of Earth's Bureau of Revenue and Taxation)

Cameo Appearances

Chameleon Boy, Colossal Boy, Cosmic Boy, Invisible Kid, Light Lass, Lightning Lad, Matter-Eater Lad, Saturn Girl, Shadow Lass, Shrinking Violet, and **Star Boy** (all pictured on splash panel of this story)

Comments

The Legion of Super-Pets was last seen in *Adventure Comics* #380 and has made no further appearances to date.

Chameleon Boy, Colossal Boy, Cosmic Boy, Invisible Kid, Light Lass, Lightning Lad, Matter-Eater Lad, Saturn Girl, Shadow Lass, Shrinking Violet, and Star Boy do not appear in this story.

Synopsis

When a warp-transport device is donated to the Legion by the United Planets, Wayland Bannan, head of Earth's Bureau of Revenue and Taxation, informs the Legionnaires that they must pay taxes on the gift before accepting it. Karate Kid insists that the Legion is a tax-free organization, but Bannan replies that Earth law stipulates that all private clubs with more than 25 members must pay full taxes, and the team currently has 26. He gives the Legion 24 hours to drop one member, or pay all back taxes owed.

Several members nobly offer to resolve the dilemma by resigning: Timber Wolf and Chemical King, because they are the newest members, Bouncing Boy and Duo Damsel, because they are the least useful, Brainiac 5, because he has performed the fewest feats in the past year, and Supergirl, because she has missed the most meetings. The Legion of Super-Pets appears and Supergirl's pets, Comet and Streaky, persuade her to stay by vowing to quit if she leaves. As leader, Karate Kid rejects all of the resignations proferred.

Finally, Superboy resigns and leaves without further explanation. Duo Damsel sees him alone outside, and correctly deduces that he felt he was not needed since Mon-El shares all his powers but not his Kryptonite weakness. He adds that he and Supergirl do not belong in the 30th century, but that he had summoned the Super-Pets via superventriloquism to keep her from leaving, because of her romance with Brainiac 5. Duo Damsel kisses Superboy goodbye before he returns to the 20th century, and the Legion erects a golden statue in his honor.

Action Comics #388
May 1970

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ACTION COMICS
MAY
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"YOU AND YOUR FANCY WORTHLESS RECEPTIONS, CLERK!"
"HOORAY FOR SUPERMAN! I LIKE HIM!"
WHAT'S WRONG WITH THIS COVER?
THIS IS NOT AN APRIL FOOL STORY!
ARGO CITY OR BUST

Action Comics

Cover Credits

Artists: **Curt Swan** (penciler) and **Murphy Anderson** (inker)
Letterer: **Gaspar Saladino**

STORY

"Puzzle of the Wild World" (14 pages)

Credits

Editor, plotter: **Mort Weisinger**
Plotter, scripter: **Cary Bates**
Penciler: **Curt Swan**
Inker: **George Roussos**
Letterer: **John Costanza**

Feature Character

Superman

Comment

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REPRINTED STORY

"Sun Boy's Lost Power"
(from *Adventure Comics* #302)

SUPERMAN & THE LEGION OF SUPER-HEROES
ACTION COMICS
15¢
HA! HA! HE'S GOT MUSCLES, BUT HE'S NO SUPER-MANTLE!
STRIKE THREE... YOU'RE OUT!
Condensing The KID WHO STRUCK OUT SUPERMAN!

Action Comics #389
June 1970

Cover Credits

Artists: **Curt Swan** (penciler) and **Murphy Anderson** (inker)
Letterer: **Gaspar Saladino**

FIRST STORY

"The Kid Who Struck Out Superman"
(13 pages)

Credits

Editor, plotter: **Mort Weisinger**
Plotter, scripter: **Cary Bates**
Penciler: **Curt Swan**
Inker: **George Roussos**
Letterer: **Milton Snapinn**

Feature Character

Superman

Comment

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FEATURETTE

"The Superman Legend: Rogues Gallery"
(2 Pages)

Editor: **Mort Weisinger**
Scripter: **E. Nelson Bridwell**
Penciler, inker: **Murphy Anderson**
Letterer: **Ben Oda**

Comment

Not a story; this is a featurette on Superman's arch-enemies, including Lex Luthor, Brainiac, the Prankster, Mr. Mxyzptlk, the Toyman, the Puzzler, the Parasite, and Phantom Zone criminals Jax-Ur, Kru-El, General Zod, and Professor Vakox.

SECOND STORY

"The Mystery Legionnaire" (11 pages)

Credits

Editor, plotter: **Mort Weisinger**
Plotter, scripter: **Cary Bates**
Penciler: **Win Mortimer**
Inker: **Jack Abel**
Letterer: **Ben Oda**

The Legion of Super-Heroes Index

Feature Characters

Cosmic Boy, Shrinking Violet, and **Chemical King** (all also appear in flashback which occurs during the events of *Adventure Comics* #373)

Villains

Klim (first and only appearance to date; an android)

Convicts at the Alphatron Criminal Clinic on asteroid Voran-4 (first and only appearance to date; appear in flashback only)

Other Characters

Scientists at Security Station ZJ (first and only appearance to date)

Comments

Bouncing Boy, Brainiac 5, Chameleon Boy, Colossal Boy, Dream Girl, Duo Damsel, Element Lad, Invisible Kid, Karate Kid, Light Lass, Lightning Lad, Matter-Eater Lad, Mon-El, Phantom Girl, Princess Projectra, Saturn Girl, Shadow Lass, Star Boy, Sun Boy, Supergirl, Timber Wolf, and Ultra Boy do not appear in this story.

In this issue's letters column, reader Colin Robertson suggests that Validus could be the son of Lightning Lad and Saturn Girl, which is later revealed to be the case.

Synopsis

Four master criminals incarcerated on Voran-4, a barren prison asteroid whose inmates had become permanently disabled while committing crimes, once secretly created an android called Klim to carry on for them. Klim was undefeated until it encountered members of the Legion of Super-Heroes. They tracked it to the jungle planet Nara, where one Legionnaire, whose face and costume Klim has memorized, but whose name it does not know, succeeded in capturing the android's body. Its head, built to function as an independent unit, escaped. Now the android's head summons its body to reunite with it and gain revenge on the Legionnaire who caused its downfall.

Cosmic Boy, Shrinking Violet, and Chemical King rush to Security Station ZJ, where Klim's body had been under observation, question scientists who had been examining it, and view the hole it made in a wall when it escaped. They then go to Voran-4 to talk with the criminals who built it, and arrive just in time to pursue the android boy into an underground tunnel.

Klim's body is captured when Cosmic Boy causes the tunnel to collapse, and the three Legionnaires fly on to encounter the head. It intends to destroy them and wishes that the Legionnaire who had earlier thwarted it was present as well. Cosmic Boy then explains that all three of them had defeated it, and that the separation of head from body had caused its vision to malfunction, so that it saw Cosmic Boy and Chemical King as one person, a non-existant Legionnaire. Klim's plan is thwarted, and its head is taken into custody.

Action Comics #390
July 1970

Cover Credits

Artists: **Curt Swan** (penciler) and **Murphy Anderson** (inker)
Letterer: **Gaspar Saladino**

FIRST STORY

"The Self-Destruct Superman" (12 pages)

Credits

Editor, plotter: **Mort Weisinger**
Plotter, scripter: **Cary Bates**
Penciler: **Curt Swan**
Inker: **George Roussos**
Letterer: **John Costanza**

SUPERMAN & THE LEGION OF SUPER-HEROES
ACTION COMICS
JULY
NO. 390
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MR. PRESIDENT... KEEP THIS SECRET WEAPON! IF I DO MAD AND ENDANGER THE WORLD, PUSH THE PANIC BUTTON AND I'LL SELF-DESTRUCT!
FEATURING
"The SELF-DESTRUCT SUPERMAN!"

Action Comics

Feature Character

Superman

Comment

This story is fully indexed in the projected volume of this Index pertaining to *Action Comics*.

SECOND STORY

"The Tyrant and the Traitor" (12 Pages)

Credits

Editor, plotter: **Mort Weisinger**
Plotter, scripter: **E. Nelson Bridwell**
Penciler: **Win Mortimer**
Inker: **Jack Abel**
Letterer: **Joe Letterese**

Feature Character

Saturn Girl, Chameleon Boy, Brainiac 5, Element Lad, Karate Kid, and **Timber Wolf**

Supporting Character

Proty II (last seen in the Legion of Super-Heroes story in issue #387; appears next in *Legion of Super-Heroes* (second series) #300) .

Villains

President Peralla (first and only apppearance to date; ruler of planet Lahum; behind the scenes and in flashback only) and **his androids** (first appearance)

Diol Masrin (first appearance; an agent of the Dark Circle)

Chavak (first and only appearance to date; Masrin's lieutenant)

A gang of gun-runners (first and only appearance to date)

The Dark Circle (last seen in *Adventure Comics* #367; behind the scenes only; see Comment below)

Norak, Ontiir, and **Golgoth** (all last seen, behind the scenes, in *Adventure Comics* #367; behind the scenes only)

Other Characters

A United Planets intelligence officer (first and only appearance to date)

Diol Masrin's men (first appearance; Nym Belev named in this story)

Yroa (first appearance; Chavak's girlfriend)

Wanpar (first appearance; Lahum's Chief of Scientific Development)

Marli Zhorg (name revealed in next issue; first appearance; a security agent of planet Lahum)

The citizens of Huevas (capital city of planet Lahum; first and only appearance to date)

Comments

The entry for *Adventure Comics* #367 in *The Legion of Super-Heroes Index* #4 incorrectly lists the Dark Circle's next appearance as *Superboy* #228, instead of this story.

Bouncing Boy, Chemical King, Colossal Boy, Cosmic Boy, Dream Girl, Duo Damsel, Invisible Kid, Light Lass, Lightning Lad, Matter-Eater Lad, Mon-El, Phantom Girl, Princess Projectra, Shadow Lass, Shrinking Violet, Star Boy, Sun Boy, Supergirl, and Ultra Boy do not appear in this story.

The story continues in the next issue.

Synopsis

President Peralla of the planet Lahum, who commands an army of virtually indestructible androids, has conquered his world and plans to do the same to other planets, while Diol Masrin, who has led his people in revolt against Peralla, is secretly allied with the Dark Circle empire. Unable to intervene officially, the United Planets requests the aid of Chameleon Boy and the Legion Espionage Squad. Chameleon Boy selects Brainiac 5, Timber Wolf, Element Lad, Saturn Girl, and Karate Kid to accompany him on this mission.

Some time later, the Legionnaires capture a ship carrying contraband weapons to Lahum, weapons supposedly effective against the androids but actually obselete. Impersonating the ship's crew, the Legionnaires rendezvous with Chavak, Masrin's lieutenant. They capture him, and Chameleon Boy takes his place, while the other male Legionnaires pose as new recruits.

The disguised Legionnaires, accompanying the rebels on a march to their base camp, are ambushed by the humanoids. When blasted, the chemical beings burst into pieces, each of which then grows into a new humanoid. The rebels manage to escape and reach their camp, where they meet Masrin and the disguised Chameleon Boy encounters the real Chavak's girlfriend, Yroa.

Saturn Girl, meanwhile, reaches Hueuas, Lahum's capital city, and schemes to infiltrate the Presidential Palace by applying to become the assistant of Wanpar, Chief of Scientific Development, unaware that a woman on his staff recognizes her as Imra Ardeen.

A Brief Explanation of the Index to DC Comics

This is the sixth in an ongoing series of comprehensive indexes to all of the DC comics to appear since the company began publishing in 1935. In this series, we intend to examine every issue of every DC comic book and to provide you with a color reproduction of the comic's cover, a complete listing of the creative people involved in producing the comic, a complete listing of all of the characters who appear in each story, a summary of what happened in each adventure, and various other information.

It is our goal that every DC comic title will get a series of the Index to DC comics devoted solely to it. Heroes who have headlined in more than one title—notably, Superman and Batman—will have a separate series of the *Index* devoted to each title. In the case of some (but not all) features which have migrated from one title to another—such as Legion of Super-Heroes, which appeared in *Adventure Comics*, *Action Comics*, and *Superboy* before being awarded a comic bearing the name of the feature—we will bring together all appearances of the feature in one index series. Maxi-Series, Mini-Series, and features with short life spans will be indexed in related groups.

All comics indexed in a series will run in serial order, beginning with the first issue or the earliest issue that features the series being indexed. For instance, *Superman Index* will begin with *Superman* #1, while *Teen Titans Index* will begin with *The Brave and the Bold* #54, the first comic to feature the group of heroes who would become the Teen Titans. Non-DC Universe stories that appear in DC Comics are not fully indexed or synopsized. Each of the index entries is as self-explanatory as possible. Some of the criteria we used to create an index entry are provided below.

Cover Credits

It usually takes many people to produce a comic book cover, from conception and design through coloring and production, and it is impossible to credit them all. The Artist, responsible for the basic execution of the cover, does the lion's share of the work. If more than one artist works on a cover, some usually pencil and the others usually ink. The artist sometimes works from someone else's layout or design, and sometimes someone else touches up or redraws parts of the picture. Design work, layouts, touch-ups, and other ancillary work are not usu ally credited in the Cover Credits.

The Letterer hand-letters any captions or word balloons on the cover other than the logo. It is impossible to guess the letterer when the lettering is mechanically typeset or laid down from transfers, so such lettering is called "typographical."

Records of artists and letterers are sometimes unavailable, particularly for covers that appeared many years ago, so the identities of some cover artists and letterers are the best guesses that the indexers and DC's current editors and art staff can make. Credits other than Artist or Artists and Letterer appear where known.

Story Information

Story titles are given as they appear on the title pages, not as on the covers or in coming attractions. When a story lacks a title or title page (a rare occurrence), a note to this effect appears as a Comment.

Story credits are taken from the credits as published. As with cover credits, it is impossible to credit everybody who worked on a story, but whenever additional information is available, it appears in the *Index*. If the published credits in a story are incorrect, the *Index* corrects them wherever possible.

Characters

All major characters, and most minor ones, are classified into seven categories, although all seven may not be needed to fully index a story. Bystanders, random police officers, random gangsters, background characters, and so forth, are not usually listed unless they appear elsewhere in more prominent roles.

The seven character categories are: Feature Characters, characters to whom the title of the feature refers; Guest Stars, characters from other comics who have a major role in the story; Supporting Characters, characters who appear frequently in stories with the feature character(s); Villains, the antagonists of the feature character(s); Guest Appearances, characters from other comics who have a minor role in the story; Other Characters, characters who do not fall into any of the five previous categories; and Cameo Appearances, characters who do not actually appear in a story but whose images are seen, for example, in photographs, flashbacks, or reminiscences.

The Feature Character is listed only when not obvious from the title of the comic. For example, Superman is always the only feature character in his own comic, but the lineup of the Justice League of America changes occasionally, which requires a Feature Character listing for each indexed issue of *Justice League of America*. Guest Stars are usually major characters who have their own comics, but any character can be a Guest Star. The only qualifications are that the character not usually appear in the comic and that he or she take a major role in the story that is not antagonistic to the feature character(s). A Guest Appearance may be very brief; even a one-panel appearance or an off-panel appearance (for example, in a telephone conversation) counts, as long as the character is physically present.

"Behind the scene" describes characters who don't appear in a story but whose influence is felt, as, for example, when a Villain works through agents.

There are two different kinds of flashbacks: (1) flashbacks to stories previously told (all of the characters appearing in the flashback are listed under Cameo Appearances unless they make physical appearances elsewhere in the story) and (2) flashbacks to events previously untold (appearances of all the characters in the flashback are treated as physical appearances; many origins are told in such flashbacks, for example). Parenthetical notes to characters' names in the listings explain thesespecial appearances.

Chronology

A time line for all of DC's comics that allows proper chronological ordering of the appearances of every DC character is far from complete. Nevertheless, some appearances are known to precede or follow others. Whenever chronological information is known reliably but is not obvious from the continuity of the stories, it is noted in parentheses. "First appearance" accompanies a character's listing when the comic is the earliest one in which the character appears. A first appearance is not necessarily a character's chronologically earliest appearance, which might occur, for example, in an origin flashback first told many years later. As a general rule, in the case of feature characters who are members of a team but who also appear in their own features or comics, issue-by-issue chronological notations for these characters are made in the indexes to their own features, not in the index to the team feature. For instance, Superman's chronology is noted in *Superman Index*, not in *Justice League of America Index*.

A casual reading of a few Plot Synopses will make it abundantly clear that a whole month does not usually pass for the characters in between monthly issues of a comic. Many issues begin hours or even minutes after the previous month's story. Consequently, a character who has had his own feature for ten years will not have aged ten years in the time it took for those comics to come out. As for trying to determine in what year a given adventure takes place, there's no conclusive answer. Specific dates that appear in stories, as well as mention of current events and popular culture, depictions of contemporary fashions, and usage of contemporary slang, are all what is know as Topical References. These are specific details added by a writer or artist to a story to make it seem current at the time the story is being published. They are not necessarily indicators of when—what year or even what decade—a story took place.

A Personal Note

As should be obvious to anyone owning both this work and *The Marvel Comics Index*, the format and design of this book (not to mention the wording of this introduction) owe a great debt to my good friend, George Olshevsky, author of the *Marvel Index* series, with whose permission I have appropriated both his layout and his succinct prose.

Anyone wishing to contact me with comments, criticisms, and/or additional data for inclusion in possible future updates may do so at the address below. My thanks to all those who have already written to me. It is unfortunately impossible for me to reply to each of you personally, but rest assured that your comments are read and carefully considered.

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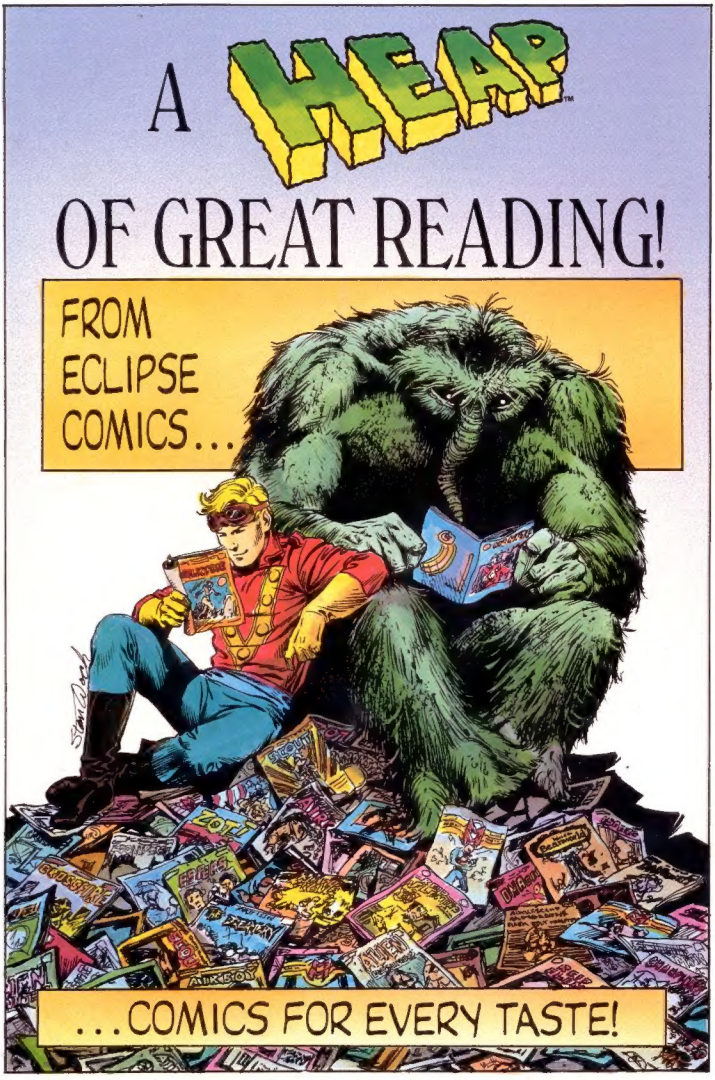
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